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Hospital Task Force Forum Will Continue Expansion Discussion

The Princeton Health Care Task Force will continue its discussion tonight on the possibilities of on-site expansion at its Witherspoon Street campus.

The discussion is a continuation of the November 11 meeting that raised more than a few eyebrows when task force members examined what exactly would have to be done if the community were to want the University Medical Center at Princeton to continue its residence at 253 Witherspoon Street.

"It's gotten to the point where it's really interesting," said Marvin Reed, task force chairman. After three public forums, "quite a public process" has been mobilized, generating possibilities as far as what Princeton HealthCare System would have to do to provide itself with immediate upgrades, in addition to creating an environment that would provide for improvements and expansion 50 and 100 years down the road.

But after an independent consultant from Boston University provided findings for the hospital that were widely read as encouragement to find a unified PHCS campus outside of town, the task force felt that it should expand the discussion to include the possibility of an in-town, urban hospital.

The task force, which is composed of Borough and Township planning, zoning, and elected officials, has not endorsed a plan nor has it provided any indication as to what plan it would endorse.

But Mr. Reed did say that the discussion would not be complete without exploring all sides of the issue, including that of keeping the hospital in town.

"What needs to be done simply to maintain the current level of service at this location would require a certain amount of expansion," he said.

Those expansion possibilities have proven sobering for some residents of the hospital neighborhood. Discussion thus far has focused on not only replacing existing buildings on-site, but possible expansion across Witherspoon Street, Franklin and Henry avenues, and occupying hospital-owned residences on the southern end of

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Witherspoon Street Under Scrutiny

Witherspoon Street, the neighborly roadway stretching from the once-aptly named Valley Road to the main gates of Princeton University, has suddenly been the subject of intense scrutiny.

It is under so much scrutiny, in fact, that an informal group of residents has sought help from Rutgers University to devise a plan for the future of the street similar to the Princeton Community Master Plan's goals aiming to preserve neighborhood character.

Organized under the informal umbrella of the "Witherspoon Alliance," several residents have reached out to Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy for outside help that offers a more objective perspective than Princeton Future.

In a letter posted on the Bloustein School's list-serve by a school administrator, the group specifically referred to the preservation of neighborhood character and concerns, suggesting that Princeton Future, a community group studying in-town development, does not "represent the neighborhood" and is "interested in promoting a superficial agenda." The letter went on to say that Princeton Future is focusing on "sidewalk, street, street lighting, and landscape improvement" to provide a "smokescreen for gentrifying and commercializing the area." The letter did not offer specific speculation on the alleged Princeton Future agenda.

Sheldon Sturges, co-chair of Princeton Future, said all the group is trying to establish is a dialogue and that there is, in fact, no hidden agenda.

"The goal is that all members of the community, whether it's the Concerned Citizens, the Chamber of Commerce, the merchants, people calling themselves the Witherspoon Alliance, and the Witherspoon Jackson Neighborhood Association, come to Princeton Future meetings.

"It is a real, genuine, open process with a public record that is published.

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Parenting Forum Identifies Key Issues Among Today's Youth

Following last Monday's information session on gang violence, Rev. Frank Strasburger of the Trinity Church held a parenting forum at John Witherspoon Middle School to discuss what parents in the community can do about the issues facing Princeton's youth.

"I'm holding this meeting because I don't believe we have to raise our kids all by ourselves," said the former member of the Princeton Regional School Board on Thursday.

While a private investigator from the N.J. Department of Corrections assured parents last week that gang violence isn't a concern in Princeton, Rev. Strasburger said he felt a community parenting meeting could help troubleshoot the basic problems Princeton parents face while raising their children.

Rev. Strasburger recalled growing up in Baltimore, where parents and neighbors knew each other and would let one another know when they saw something suspicious at their homes, or saw their children misbehaving in public.

"I always knew that somehow what I did would get back to my parents," he

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A GATED COMMUNITY: Princeton University re-installed its FitzRandolph Gates at its main entrance on Nassau Street late last week. The gates were removed in late July for repair and restoration in preparation for the entrance's 100th anniversary next year. More of a symbolic landmark than a utilitarian structure, the gates were installed in 1905 at the request of Augustus Van Winkle, a descendent of Nathaniel FitzRandolph, who donated the land on which Nassau Hall was built. The gates have since become a symbol for both the town and the University. Photo by George Vogt

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Boychoir Sexual Abuse Case Is Heard by Supreme Court

The State Supreme Court heard arguments last week in a molestation charge against the American Boychoir School in Princeton. Last Monday, November 29, the court heard arguments from Lawrence Lessig, a lawyer representing John W. Hardwicke Jr., who claims to have been molested by several staff members when he was a student. Attorney Jay H. Greenblat represented the school.

Mr. Hardwicke, 47, a Maryland resident, attended the school from 1969 to 1971, and claims that he was molested by the school's former music director, Donald Hanson, as well as other high-ranking officials. Mr. Hanson, an employee at the school since 1981, admitted to the allegations in 1982 and left Princeton, moving to Canada.

Mr. Hardwicke first made allegations against the school in late 1999, claiming to have suffered depression as a result of his experiences. He then hired Mr. Lessig to represent him. The lawyer is a Stanford University law professor, who also attended the school from 1972 to 1976.

The lawsuit, first filed approximately four years ago, was originally dismissed at the Mercer County Superior Court level on the grounds that the institution is not a person, as that term is used in the N.J. Sexual Abuse Statute, said Donald Edwards, president of the American Boychoir School.: "It is that sexual abuse statute that allows a person to make a claim within two years after they connect the alleged abuse with the damage that they feel they are suffering.... That law is one of the key legal issues in this case."

It was later dismissed because the school is protected under "charitable immunity," a legal defense that leaders of the Catholic in Church in New Jersey have been lobbying state legislators to overturn in recent months, mainly due to legal cases involving molestation charges such as this one.

The lawsuit was reinstated in a 2 to 1 ruling by the Appellate Division earlier this year, which is currently being appealed at the state level by the school.

The court has not made a decision regarding the lawsuit, said Mr. Edwards: "We have no indication from the court when the decision will be handed down."

Recent letters back and forth between the two parties' lawyers have Mr. Greenblat responding to Mr. Lessig's recent claims to the press that 30 to 40 percent of the student body at the Boychoir School has been sexually abused over the years. Mr. Greenblat contended that the accusations are false.

The American Boychoir School now enforces a child protection program for its students, as outlined on the school's website, www.americanboychoir.org.

"We are confident that by dealing with these issues openly, we have created an environment of trust and candor that minimizes the possibility of abuse," said Mr. Edwards in a statement to the public in June. He called the incident "a dark chapter in [the school's] otherwise bright history."

—Candace Braun

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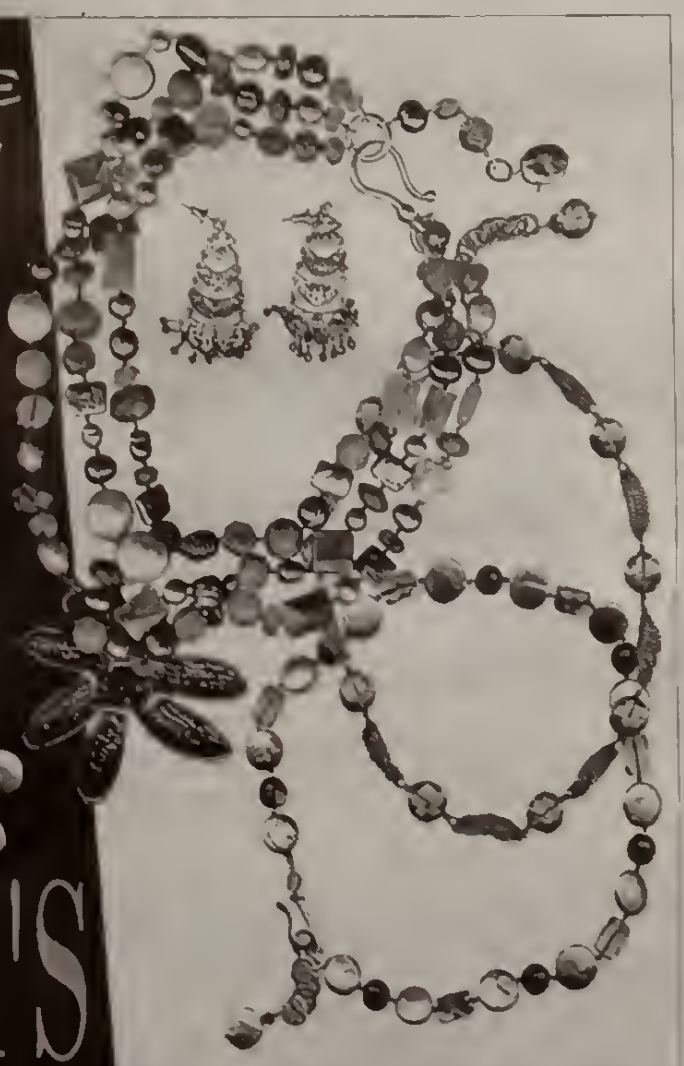

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KALEIDOSCOPE OF MUSIC: This Sunday, December 12, Montessori music teacher Alex Mitnick and his group, Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band, will perform a free concert of children's songs at the Princeton Public Library, based on his CD, "Kaleidoscope of Songs."

Music Teacher Brings Kaleidoscope Of Songs to Princeton Students

Now parents and children can enjoy listening to kids' music together, says Alex Mitnick, who recently produced a CD, *Kaleidoscope of Songs*, with lyricist Alan Bell.

A music teacher for infants through eighth graders at the Princeton Montessori School, Mr. Mitnick came out with the first of four children's music CDs this fall. The CDs help children explore and understand their emotions, while providing a message and music score that parents can enjoy as well, said Mr. Mitnick: "We try to take global themes and break them down into the simplest form possible for kids. It actually works best for adults that way, too."

TOPICS Of the Town

This Sunday, December 12, at 3 p.m., Mr. Mitnick and his group, Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band, will perform a free concert of children's songs at the Princeton Public Library.

The idea of creating a CD was first inspired by the musicals Mr. Mitnick has helped score and direct at the private school. Both the musicals and the CD were co-written with Alan Bell, an artist and poet from Philadelphia.

The two first collaborated on a musical five years ago when Mr. Mitnick asked Mr. Bell to help with costumes and masks for a school performance he was directing. After establishing a friendship, the creative partners began working together on a complete musical for first and second graders, with Mr. Bell writing the the storyline and lyrics, and Mr. Mitnick scoring and directing the show. Soon one musical turned into five, and the two had a long list of songs they had created together for children.

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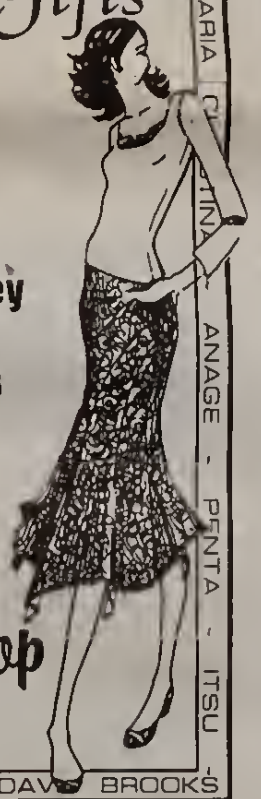
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Kaleidoscope of Songs

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faculty, parents, and students at the school, Mr. Mitnick began the process of producing a CD of their songs this past spring. The success of their first CD has encouraged them to plan four more over the next year, with all new music.

Mr. Mitnick debuted his CD at the Writers Block on Paul Robeson Place at the end of October, and will be using this performance at the library as a follow-up, in hopes that many of the families who have previously bought the CD will come and sing along with him and his band. The CD is available at jaZams, Learning Express, Small World Coffee, and online at www.kaleidescope songs.com.

Spreading His Knowledge

As word of Mr. Mitnick's talent in teaching music to children has spread, his career has flourished. Using a curriculum based more on singing and classroom participation than book learning, the teacher now serves on the faculty of the Princeton Center for Teacher Education, where he directs workshops for "non-musicians" on how to incorporate music into the classroom. He has also been asked to conduct a music-teaching workshop in San Diego, as part of the National Center for Montessori Education. In the spring, he will conduct a workshop for the New Jersey Montessori Annual Conference.

"Between the teachers' and the parents' encouragement, I think we're onto something special," said Mr. Mitnick. "I think the music sets itself apart from other children's music ... These songs are focused very specifically on self-awareness and the importance of self-reflection."

Some of the musicals Mr. Mitnick has helped create and direct at the Montessori School include, *How Our Town Saved the Peace* a musical that teaches children about conllict resolution, and *Red Cap Dolls From Toyland*, which teaches them about facts versus feelings and optimism versus pessimism.

"That's why we call it the *Kaleidoscope of Songs*; you look inside yourself and see the beauty from the inside out," he said.

Giving children the language they need to identify the feelings they have is a very important part of educating a child, added Mr. Mitnick: "Children go through the same emotions that we go through, but we just have more experience and knowledge to help identify them.... The best way to deliver a message is through song; it's much more memorable that way."

Becoming an Artist

Growing up in the suburbs of Boston and then Philadelphia, Mr. Mitnick graduated from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia with a degree in jazz guitar, with the emphasis on composition. After performing as a member of various jazz and rock groups, he took on a teaching position at St. Peter's School in Philadelphia, a school for preschoolers and first graders. He then came to Princeton as a member of an Indian chanting music group, Susan Green and Sura, until he found a position as music teacher at the Montessori School, where he has taught since 1999.

"[My move here] was honestly a temporary thing that has turned into five years here, largely because I really enjoy my job at the Montessori School. There's really something there for me," said Mr. Mitnick.

For more information on Kaleidoscope of Songs, visit www.kaleidescopesongs.com.

—Candace Braun

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A WARM TOWEL: Lucas Gwynn might have landed on Santa's lap by way of a magic carpet from summer, except that he is just one of many kids who enjoyed the summer/winter "Swim with Santa" fun at the Princeton Theological Seminary pool last Friday. (Photo by George Vogel)

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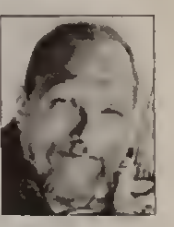

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Road's End Not Reached for Snowden, Sidewalk Discussion Likely to Continue

Snowden Lane residents did not exactly exhale last Tuesday when Township Committee declined to introduce an ordinance that would allow sidewalks to be built on a 1,300-foot stretch of the road.

But they did have reason to believe that before any sidewalk is built, there will be more discussion on the issue that has had some residents exploring legal options. While the roadway is heavily travelled, its appearance has remained somewhat bucolic over the years, and one concern, residents say, is that a sidewalk will take away from the thoroughfare's rural character.

With Mayor Phyllis Marchand absent from the vote, committee voted a two-two tie, thus voting down the ordinance introduction. But the two committee people voting against the sidewalk proposal, Bernie Miller and Casey Hegener, left the issue open-ended, expressing the desire to acquire more information, but not necessarily condemning the idea of a sidewalk.

"Welcome to the tension," said Committeeman Bill Hearon, who, along with Deputy Mayor Bill Enslin, voted for the ordinance, in hopes of increasing Princeton's pedestrian connectivity.

The area in question, the western side of Snowden between Franklin and Hamilton avenues, has spurred so much debate that it was the focal point of a joint Borough/Township municipal meeting held at Borough Hall last week.

Seventeen properties in all would be affected by the projected sidewalk, five in the Township and 12 in the Borough.

Because most of the homes in question were built in the mid-20th century and have relatively shallow front yards, residents are particularly concerned about the proximity of a sidewalk. Residents have also maintained that the presence of pedestrians on the road lends itself to more cautious driving and that a four-foot sidewalk would, if anything, make the road hazardous by making it seem more spacious than it actually is. It would also, residents worried, reduce property values.

Chris Baldwin, a Borough resident of Snowden Lane, said a sidewalk on this stretch is not needed because it is not a "necessary path" to any of the nearby schools, namely Littlebrook and Riverside elementary schools. He suggested a safer alternative would be Leavitt Lane, which runs parallel to Snowden and is not as heavily travelled.

Residents living on the stretch in question submitted a petition saying other safety measures would be more effective than a sidewalk, including stricter enforcement of the 25-mph speed limit and defining "clearly-marked" two- to four-foot shoulders by making the traffic travel lanes 10-feet wide.

But Township Engineer Robert Kiser said that the municipality must adhere to standards put forth by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and Residential Site-Improvement Standards (RSIS). Both standards include a minimum 12-foot travel lane. Between Franklin and Hamilton, Snowden averages a width of about 25 feet, he said, adding that shoulders or sidewalks must be wide enough for two people to pass, as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

"A four-foot path is about the minimum you would need for two people to pass," he said.

Borough Engineer Carl Peters agreed with Mr. Kiser's assessment saying it would not be "reasonable" for Snowden to go any narrower than its current width, considering the 2,500 and 3,000 per day volume of traffic the road sustains.

"Twenty-five feet is not spacious; it's a narrow road. Look at John Street or Bank Street and you're extremely narrow," he said comparing Snowden to other Borough roads with about 20-foot width.

Essentially an open work session between the two municipalities, the meeting explored possible options for compromise, among them: shifting the road to the east, and making room for a sidewalk on the western portion; installing a grass "plot" instead of a sidewalk; or the aforementioned shoulder installations.

But while Snowden residents feel there are alternative

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MR. COOL: Frosty the Snowman was looking dapper and dashing at the Princeton Shopping Center, which he and Santa visited last Saturday.

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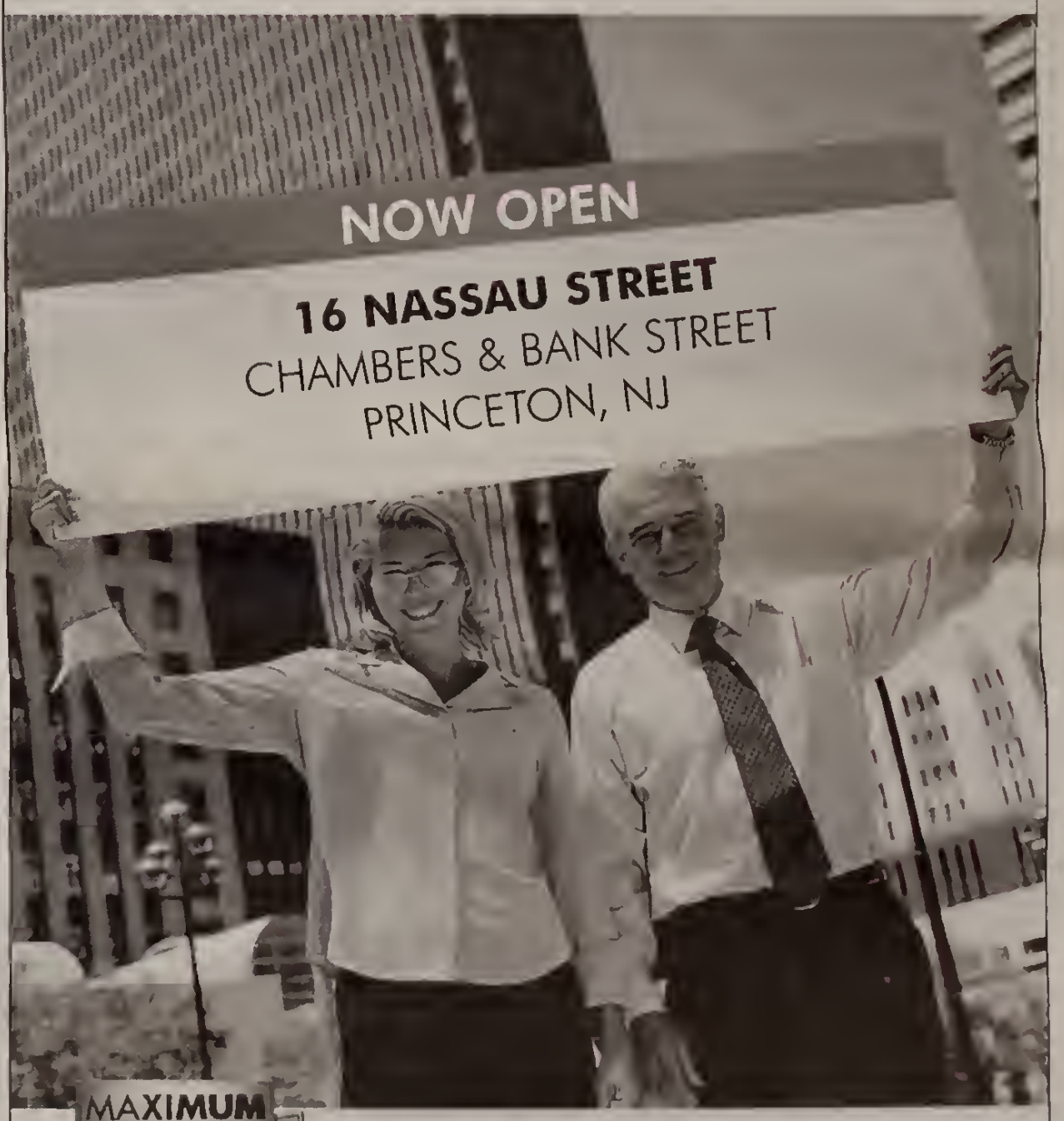

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solutions to sidewalk installation, a report recently issued by the Surface Transportation Policy Project (SFPP) finds that increased sidewalk systems in communities can result in enhanced mobility. SFPP is a non-profit, national coalition that includes the Trenton-based New Jersey Future, the state's largest non-profit advocacy group.

The report, "Mean Streets 2004," examined pedestrian access in ten counties, including Mercer, between 1994 and 2003. Its recommendations included upgrading or creating sidewalks, in addition to other traffic-calming methods and enforcement.

Township Police have long maintained that the installation of sidewalks would best suit Snowden, but have, thus far, offered unconvincing evidence to Snowden residents. Citing a week-long traffic study conducted in mid-September, Officer Geoff Maurer of the Township Police Department said that portion of Snowden merited a sidewalk because the 15,150 cars using it created conditions that were hazardous to pedestrians.

He added, however, that "up to this time," there have been no pedestrian/car accidents on the examined part of Snowden.

While Committeewoman Hegener voted against the introduction of an ordinance proposing sidewalks, saying that "neighborhood character trumps everything," Deputy Mayor Enslin said this vote would give committee and residents "ample time for further dialogue." Mr. Kiser, however, said if there were to be a sidewalk construction project, he would like to put it out for contract bidding by January.

Both municipalities have a 50-50 assessment for sidewalk construction. As such, if sidewalks were installed, each Township property would sustain about a $6,000 assessment with Borough propeties shouldering about $12,000.

—Matthew Hersh

Leslie Burger

Princeton's Leslie Burger Wins NY Times Award

Princeton Public Library Director Leslie Burger has been named one of 27 winners of the 2004 New York Times Librarian Awards. Now in its fourth year, the program honors librarians from around the country who have provided outstanding public service. This year's winners represent 14 states. Nearly 1,500 nominations from the general public were accepted from June through September.

On December 15, The Times will hold a reception in honor of the winners where each will be given $2,500 and a commemorative plaque. A separate plaque featuring the winner's name and title will be sent to the library where each librarian works.

"We are very happy to have the opportunity to celebrate public librarians from across the country," said Alyse Myers, vice president of marketing services at The Times. "This program demonstrates, year after year, how crucial libraries and librarians are to people in every part of the nation. From big cities to small towns, people look to their local libraries for information, education, entertainment, culture, and community, and the librarians are there to help them find it all. The Times is proud to honor the work of these librarians who bring people together over books around the common belief that access to information is part of the bedrock of our society."

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Borough To Receive Feedback On Traffic, Transportation Issues

The need to improve pedestrian safety in the Borough is one of the main concerns that will come from the Borough's Traffic and Transportation Committee tonight when it presents its findings and resident feedback to Council. The 13-page report will be presented by the committee's Sandy Soloman.

Some suggestions will include recommendations for the New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding pedestrian issues such as signal timing and traffic flow patterns to permit pedestrians adequate time to cross at the intersections of Nassau Street, Stockton Street, and Bayard Lane, as well as the repainting of sidewalks in those same areas. Another recommendation is to develop a plan to install lighted crosswalks along Nassau Street at key locations, particularly between Moore and Harrison streets.

The committee also believes signal timing should be changed at the intersection of Nassau and Witherspoon streets, to permit pedestrians more time to cross the heavily-trafficked intersection safely.

Mailed suggestions that came from Borough residents include the posting of signs at each "gateway" entrance to Princeton, reading, "Princeton Protects its Pedestrians — Crosswalks Enforced," to make visitors aware of pedestrian traffic; a "wait for walk" sign at the intersection of Witherspoon and Nassau Streets so that pedestrians don't try to cross when traffic on Nassau Street is making a left; and the removal of parking on Wiggins Street, between Witherspoon and Moore streets, so that a shoulder can be added for safe bicycle travel.

These and other issues will be presented at Council's regular meeting, at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall.

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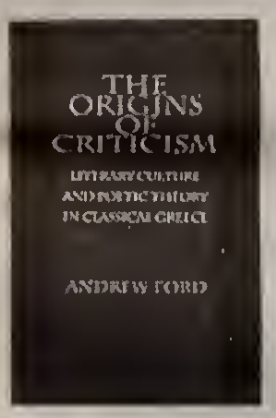

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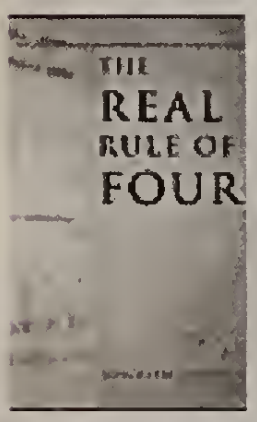

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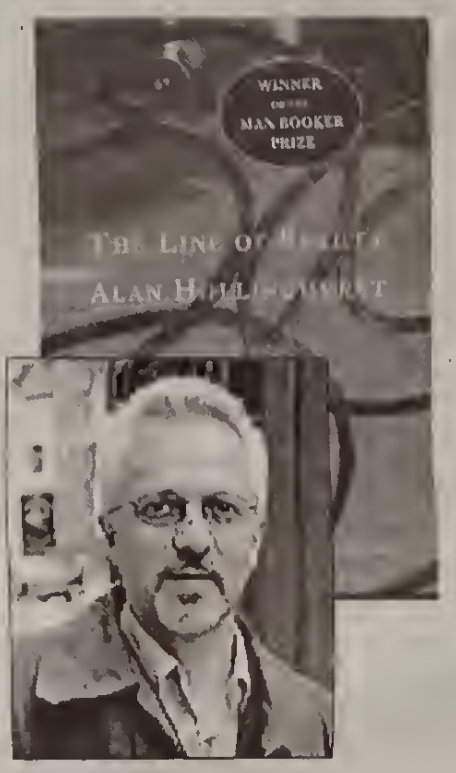

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Wed. Dec. 8 7:00 pm Man Booker Prize winner Alan Hollinghurst will read from and sign ***The Line of Beauty***

Alan Hollinghurst is serving this semester as an Old Dominion Fellow and lecturer in the Humanities Council and Creative Writing Programs at Princeton University.

In October, the London resident was awarded the 2004 Man Booker Prize for his fourth novel, *The Line of Beauty*. The prize, now in its 35th year, aims to reward the best novel of the year written by a citizen of the Commonwealth or the Republic or Ireland. The Man Booker judges are selected from the country's finest critics, writers and academics to maintain the consistent excellence of the prize.

Alan Hollinghurst won the Somerset Maugham and E.M. Forster awards for his first novel, *Swimming-Pool Library*. His other books include *The Folding Star*, which was short-listed for the Man Booker Prize and won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize; and *Spell*.

He studied and taught English at Oxford. For several years he was the Deputy Editor of the Times Literary Supplement. He was also recognized as one of Granta's Best Young British Novelists in 1993.

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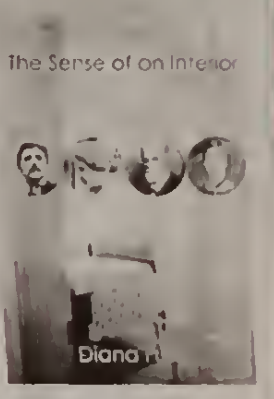

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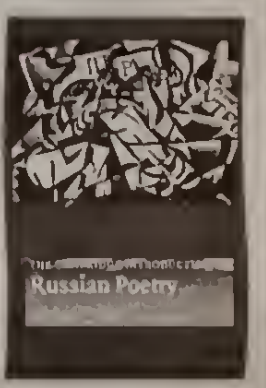

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PDS Receives Backing to Go Ahead With Campus Renovation, Building Expansion

The Princeton Day School received the go-ahead from the Princeton Regional Planning Board Thursday night to reconstruct and expand several of its campus facilities.

The unanimous approval allows the 900-student, junior kindergarten-through-12 school to embark on a four-phased construction project, ultimately resulting in a net campus increase of 63,507 square feet. The proposed construction would cap student enrollment at about 940, school officials said, and would call for about 2.5 affordable housing units, as mandated under the new proposed Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations. Those regulations will take effect on December 20.

The first phase of construction, slated to begin next year, will include the expansion of the school's library, fine arts areas, performing arts areas, several classrooms, and the lower school cafeteria, totalling 48,533 square feet. Many of the school's facilities have not seen improvement since the original campus was built in the early 1960s.

Phase two will be the expansion of the gymnasium by 6,883 feet; phase three will increase the school's art gallery space by 1,571; and phase four will develop the office of admission's space by 6,520 square feet.

PDS could not set a definitive timetable for phases two through four as the school has not yet completed the capital campaign that would finance the entire project.

One improvement, however, would help relieve some traffic congestion at peak times along the Great Road. Grace Ann Court, currently a one-way thoroughfare connecting the upper and lower schools, would permit two-way traffic under the plan, thus precluding the need for cars to use the Great Road as a means of travelling from one part of the campus to another, Township Engineer Robert Kiser said. The plan would also provide for increased bike and pedestrian paths, Mr. Kiser added.

Current traffic circumstances around the school and the effects of the approved expansion have, under county regulations, required a traffic signal at the main school entrance off the Great Road, said Lee Solow, planner for the planning board. A traffic consultant has recommended implementing coordination with adjacent traffic signals and installing a left-turn pocket at Coventry Farm.

PDS Head of School Judith Fox said she would like to see a traffic light in place by next December.

While the proposal received unanimous planning board approval, William Wolfe, chairman of the Site Plan Review Advisory Board to the planning board (SPRAB), said he was generally "underwhelmed" with the overall improvements. He said that while he and the other members of SPRAB "liked" the look of the new facilities, the proposed campus was not "well-suited" for a high volume of drop-off.

"[SPRAB] didn't want to get into a fresh design," Mr. Wolfe said. "That was something we felt they should get into."

Since 2003, however, PDS has participated in a program managed by the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association that encourages and "matches" students and parents for car-pooling.

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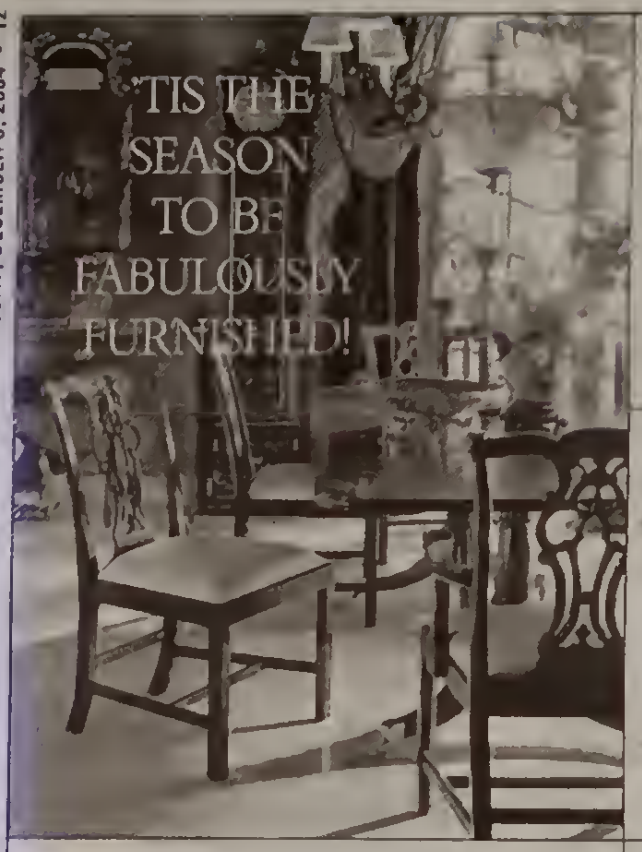

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Immigration Raids Continue: Local Employees Are Arrested

Another immigration raid took place in Mercer County last week, according to Marla Juega, chair of the Latin-American Legal Defense and Education Fund in Princeton. Residents in a West Windsor apartment complex off of Route 1, a mother, father, uncle and 21-year-old daughter who was a former graduate of Princeton High School and student at Mercer County Community College, were taken away by Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) officials on November 30.

The father worked in construction and the mother was a housekeeper at Princeton University. The family had been residents in the community for 13 years and parishioners at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Trenton.

"We can see from the types of people that are being taken away that they are not criminals," said Ms. Juega, mentioning a report of another immigration raid in Franklin Township on Tuesday when two men were taken away at 5:30 a.m., leaving behind their wives and children. The men, both Mexican, were employed at a local landscaping company, said Ms. Juega.

"Immigrants are caught in this incredible limbo," she said, adding that current immigration laws don't allow them to obtain legal status, even if they know U.S. citizens who are willing to sponsor them.

Early last month, Borough Council passed a resolution calling for immigration reforms in the federal government. The resolution was triggered by an immigration raid in the Borough on October 13, when local police were asked to be present for security reasons. Eight males were removed from a Witherspoon Street residence in handcuffs, although, according to Borough Police Chief Chuck Davall, BICE only had arrest warrants for two of the men.

The resolution was supported by Ryan Lilienthal, an immigration attorney and Borough resident who served on Council from 1998 through 2001. it stated that the Borough strongly disapproves of any conduct by BICE officials that creates needless distrust among local immigrants and the Borough Police Department, and asked that local police have no role in any raids.

"My basic concern with these immigration raids is that it seems to miss the higher priority, which is public safety," said Mr. Lilienthal on Tuesday, adding that when immigrants become fearful of their local government, they are less willing to come forward as witnesses, victims, or in emergencies such as an accident or fire.

"It's not only a danger for immigrants, but also for the rest of us...It's not resolving the problem we have with illegal immigration in this country," he said.

The Township discussed a similar resolution as its meeting on Monday. See page 13 for story.

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The Importance of Building Permits To A Residential Real Estate Transaction

It has now become routine for a buyer in a residential real estate transaction to request that the seller provide confirmation of building permits and approvals for all additions or alterations made to the dwelling. Even if a buyer doesn't make this a direct condition of the contract, the buyer's home inspection company is likely to flag the issue in its inspection report. In addition, some municipalities require the issuance of a continuing certificate of occupancy on a resale. This entails an actual inspection of the dwelling including any improvements made without permits from the local Construction Code Official. Thus, one's failure to obtain the necessary permits to finish a basement or add a deck are, at some point during the transaction, likely to come to the buyer's attention and unnecessarily complicate the sale of one's home. In addition, the failure to obtain the necessary permits can subject the property owner to fines of up to $2,000.

One common reason homeowners don't obtain the necessary permits is lack of awareness that permits are needed. Yet, under the Uniform Construction Code, virtually all improvements involving construction of one sort or another require a permit. It is not unusual for people to think they don't need a building permit to put a new roof on their house, to refinish their basement, or add exterior lighting when, in fact, permits are required for all of these activities. A very limited category of work defined under the Uniform Construction Code as "ordinary maintenance" (such as painting, repair of gutters, replacement of a faucet or replacement of an existing window) does not require a permit. Thus, a more realistic approach might be to presume a permit is required for the work contemplated, consult the local Construction Code office, and be thankful in the unlikely event the work qualifies as "ordinary maintenance."

The other typical reason homeowners fail to obtain building permits is concern that completion of their home improvement projects will be unduly delayed if they comply with the rules. This concern may be understandable, but there are ways to significantly minimize how long it takes to obtain a building permit, have one's project inspected, and the certificate of approval issued. The first step is to contact one's local Construction Code department. Many departments have practical hand-outs that address common alterations and improvements. Homeowners can use this information to plan their improvements with reasonable certainty regarding methods, materials, process, and inspections.

The Construction Code Official has twenty business days under the Code to review plans. Most officials strive to complete plan review in far less time. Plan review is facilitated by detailed drawings that depict the work being undertaken. Inspections of the work will be required at different stages. The homeowner should bear in mind that once an inspection is requested the official has three days to complete the same. A final inspection is required at the end of the project and when the work has passed the final inspection, a certificate of approval or occupancy may be issued by the Construction Code Official.

Though the permit process can add time to completion of a home improvement project, when weighed against the potential for fines and complications in the sale of one's home, the inconvenience is relatively minor. Moreover, since the overriding purpose of the process is to secure the safety of the homeowner, family and guests, at the end of the process a homeowner can rest assured that the new deck is not merely an aesthetic enhancement to the property, but a sound improvement as well.

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Immigrants Rights Resolution is Heard; But Committee Declines Adoption

Despite repeated assurances that undocumented immigrants should not fear being reported to Federal immigration officers if they are involved in a police-related incident, Township Committee Monday night decided against passing a resolution that would have effectively rubber-stamped that unwritten sentiment.

Representatives of the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund appeared before committee hoping to have a resolution passed similar to one passed by the borough last month. That immigrant reform resolution was passed in light of incidents where the federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) sought assistance from Borough Police in a raid on nine undocumented immigrants.

The resolution also assured Hispanics that if they are attacked in bias crimes, as has occurred in the past several weeks, they should report the incidents to the police, without fear of being reported to immigration agents.

A draft resolution was submitted to committee in hopes of discouraging local police from taking part in the raids, said Ryan Lilienthal, an immigration attorney.

"The national government has more interest in having local law enforcers handling immigration issues," he said, adding the resolution would aim to "restore the trust between the immigrant community and law enforcement."

But, while committee agreed with the ideals put forth in the draft resolution, members said they did not believe a resolution was needed to adhere to already-practiced police handlings.

"I would like to think that the residents [already] have trust in the Township Police Department," Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said. "A piece of paper is not going to specifically make you more comfortable."

Mayor Marchand suggested setting up meetings between representatives of the Hispanic community and Township Police. As far as creating a dialogue between community and local law enforcement, "the status of the resident is irrelevant, [and] you should not feel intimidated by calling the police, the hospital, or anyone else," she said.

Lt. Mark Emann of Township Police said the department was not "actively going out and looking for people" with undocumented status, adding that if the police respond to a call and discover an individual is undocumented, they will "take care of the call and that's it."

"We don't report them to immigration. It's not in our interest."

The mayor said the Township would pursue the aggressor and not the immigrant status of the victim.

Committeeman Bernie Miller questioned the efficacy of a resolution in the Township, worrying that it would act only as lip-service.

"If we pass a resolution, it'll get into the newspapers, it'll make some headlines, but a resolution is not a plan of action, it doesn't, by itself, solve problems."

Ed Schmierer, Township attorney, said it is not necessarily the responsibility of the governing body or local law enforcement to carry out federal immigration laws. "We are looking after the community," he said.

According to Mr. Lilienthal, 365 municipalities in the U.S. have passed similar resolutions.

Township Hall

In other business Monday night, the Township Committee decided to table an item on its consent agenda that would appropriate no more than $30,000 in improvements for the Township Municipal Complex.

According to Township Administrator James Pascale, the building would be equipped with various improvements such as improved handicap accessibility and other physical enhancements.

The item was removed from the agenda to be discussed at as-yet-determined date.

—Matthew Hersh

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GARDEN CLUB IMPROVEMENTS: Shown with planters and shrubs Contemporary Garden Club purchased for the front porch of the Historical Society's Updike House are Garden Club members Nancy O'Connor, Emily Starkey, Nancy Buck, and Harriet Brainard.

Contemporary Garden Club Helps at Updike Farm

The Historical Society of Princeton's purchase of the six-acre Updike Farm on Quaker Road earlier this year inspired Contemporary Garden Club to undertake improving the appearance of the circa-1830 farmhouse's front porch.

When Nancy O'Connor, a member of both the Garden Club and the Historical Society, visited the farm last spring, she recognized that the house and grounds offered many opportunities for community members to become involved in preserving one of Princeton's last farms.

Soon after her visit to the farm, Mrs. O'Connor contacted Harriet Brainard, another member of both groups, who proved equally excited about the Garden Club helping improve the property. The relationship between the two organizations is long-standing, according to Mrs. Brainard. Many years ago one of the Garden Club's community projects was to place fresh flowers in Bainbridge House each week.

The gardens that the last resident of Updike Farm, Sarah Updike, tended until she was no longer able to do so have become overgrown in her later years. The rhododendron, hosta, and other perennials now grow alongside varieties of volunteer vines and weeds. After the completion of the Preservation Plan being developed by architects Watson & Henry of Bridgeton for the Historical Society, more guidance will be available for plantings as well as for the repair and use of the buildings on the property.

In the meantime, Garden Club members have begun the work of improving the appearance by acquiring four white-stained cedar planters with Helleri Japanese Holly bushes for the front porch. Project manager Emily Starkey was joined at the farm earlier in the fall by Nancy O'Connor, Harriet Brainard, and Contemporary Garden Club President Nancy Buck to determine the most attractive placement of the additions.

The Historical Society eventually will use the Updike Farm to interpret Princeton's vanishing agricultural past as well as the Stony Brook region's settlement and its role in the Battle of Princeton. Its archives and collection storage, as well as administrative offices, will move to the farm and the museum in Bainbridge House will subsequently be expanded to two floors.

The museum in Bainbridge House is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, from noon until 4 p.m. Admission is free. The library in Bainbridge House is open Tuesday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. with a nominal fee for non-members. Call (609) 921-6748 for more information.

20-SOMETHINGS: Parents tossing hints? See the TOWN TOPICS employment opportunities.

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

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Nut Hattie

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
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3 egg whites
1 cup of sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp vanilla
½ pint heavy cream
almond extract to taste
sugar to taste

Roll the Ritz crackers very fine and mix with the chopped nuts. Set aside.
Beat the egg whites and one cup sugar together. Gradually add, while continuing to beat, baking powder and vanilla. Fold the crackers and nuts into mixture.
Place in pie pan and bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees., Cool on rack.
Whip the heavy cream with almond extract and sugar to taste.
Top each slice with the whipped cream and shavings of dark chocolate. May be served warm or cooled to room temperature.

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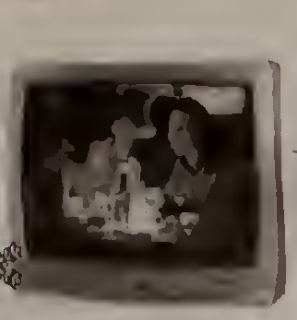

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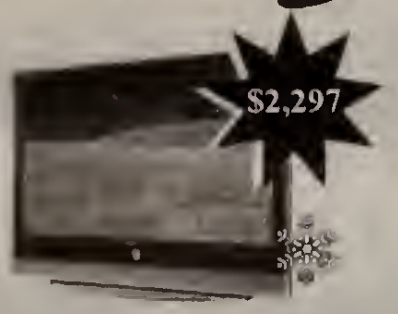

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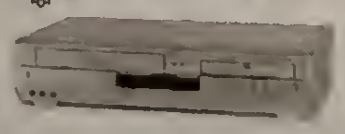

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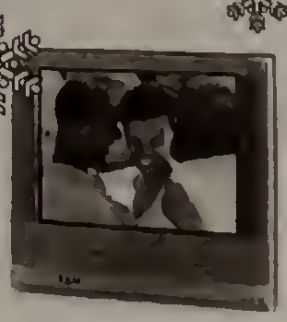

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Political Divide Doesn't Start At Home, It Starts in the House, Panelists Say

Just looking at the popular vote tallies in the the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections, it's safe to say that the country is pretty evenly divided when it comes to who the president should be.

But does the same division exist in the annals of Congress? A two-day seminar at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs looked into how, or why, our political leaders have become increasingly polarized over the last 10 to 15 years.

The Center for the Study of Democratic Politics organized last weekend's event to explore the "Polarization of American Politics." The Center was created in 1999 as a research program within the Wilson School.

One of the panel discussions, "Reports from the Hill," sought to explain the current rift in Congress. Composed of six current and former members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the panel was a surprisingly congenial, often jovial, presentation conducted by six individuals who say they are at odds.

The discussion did, however, offer some behind-the-scenes insight as to how members of Congress interact when they are not on Capitol Hill and how those relations have changed over the years.

Mickey Edwards, a former Republican Representative from Oklahoma, moderated the discussion. He looked back on the election of Newt Gingrich as the Republican Whip in the House as the start of the division. Ironically, Mr. Gingrich was elected to his position by moderate Republicans who felt someone was needed to stand up to the then-Democratic house majority.

Since then, Mr. Edwards said, the now-minority Democrats have complained of being "freezed out" of congressional discussion and often feel helpless when it comes to generating support in roll call votes on the House floor.

Vin Weber, a Republican who represented Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District from 1981 to 1992, acknowledged increased polarization in Congress. "But with all due respect to my liberal colleagues from the other party, we heard that complaint pretty loudly from our side in the 1980s," adding "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

Having said that, Mr. Weber suggested that one of the reasons for partisanship is that "greater stakes" have been put forth in recent elections and that the reality of winning and losing has created a more "intense ideological drive" among members of Congress, thus pushing more Democrats to the left and Republicans to the right.

Since 1994, both parties have gone into every election thinking that everything was "losable or winnable," Mr. Weber said, consequently politicizing issues that may not have been highlighted under different circumstances.

Another possible reason for the increasing ideological divide, Mr. Weber speculated, was that most members of the House do not live in Washington D.C. any longer. Since the late 1980s, Mr. Weber said, it has been "politically incorrect" to represent a district or state and live outside that district or state. As such, Mr. Weber continued, elected officials do not engage in social interaction and only encounter each other to debate over a bill.

"When I came to Washington, I was told 'unless you live within driving distance to the capitol, move your family to Washington.' People made after-hours friendships at church or taking their kids to hockey."

He cited Pennsylvania Republican Senator Rick Santorum's first run at the House as the first successful campaign to politicize an opponent's non-home state residence. Mr. Santorum defeated a seven-time incumbent using that tactic.

"Well, politicians can learn lessons and over the years, a lot of them have learned that you don't move your family to Washington."

David Price, a Democratic Congressman from North Carolina's 4th District, addressed polarization in House voting and the role of leadership in Congress in producing a polarizing landscape.

"The present leadership is different, I want to suggest that the present leadership acts only on sound partisan practices.

"This process, I fear will destroy the bipartisan capacity that the House needs on issues of great importance."

Mr. Price suggested the White House encouraged this practice and that there are more politicians, namely Republicans, he said, governing from the "right-in" rather than the "center-out."

"I fear major issues cannot be addressed under these partisan conditions," Mr. Price said, adding he thought it was "virtually impossible" to legislate in a bipartisan manner.

Echoing Mr. Weber, David Skaggs, a Democrat of Colorado from 1981 to 1997, said one of the reasons for the dichotomous nature of Congress is that most newly-elected members are married to spouses with careers.

"The effect is hard to exaggerate. Colleagues only face each other in an adversarial setting," he said, citing glimpses of "road rage" on the House floor.

All panelists agreed this division in government could translate to public opinion.

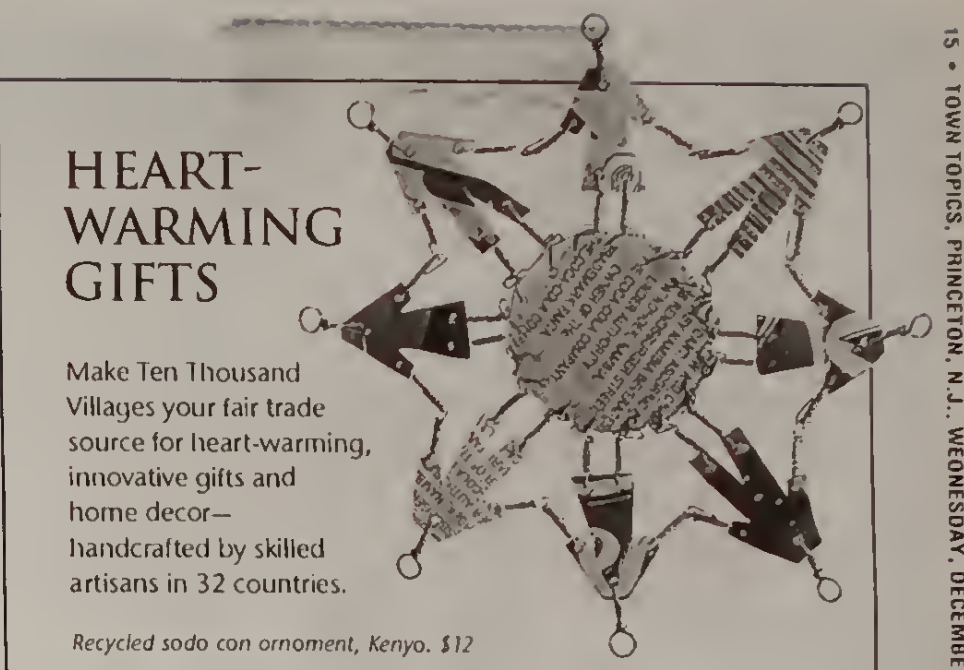
— Matthew Hersh

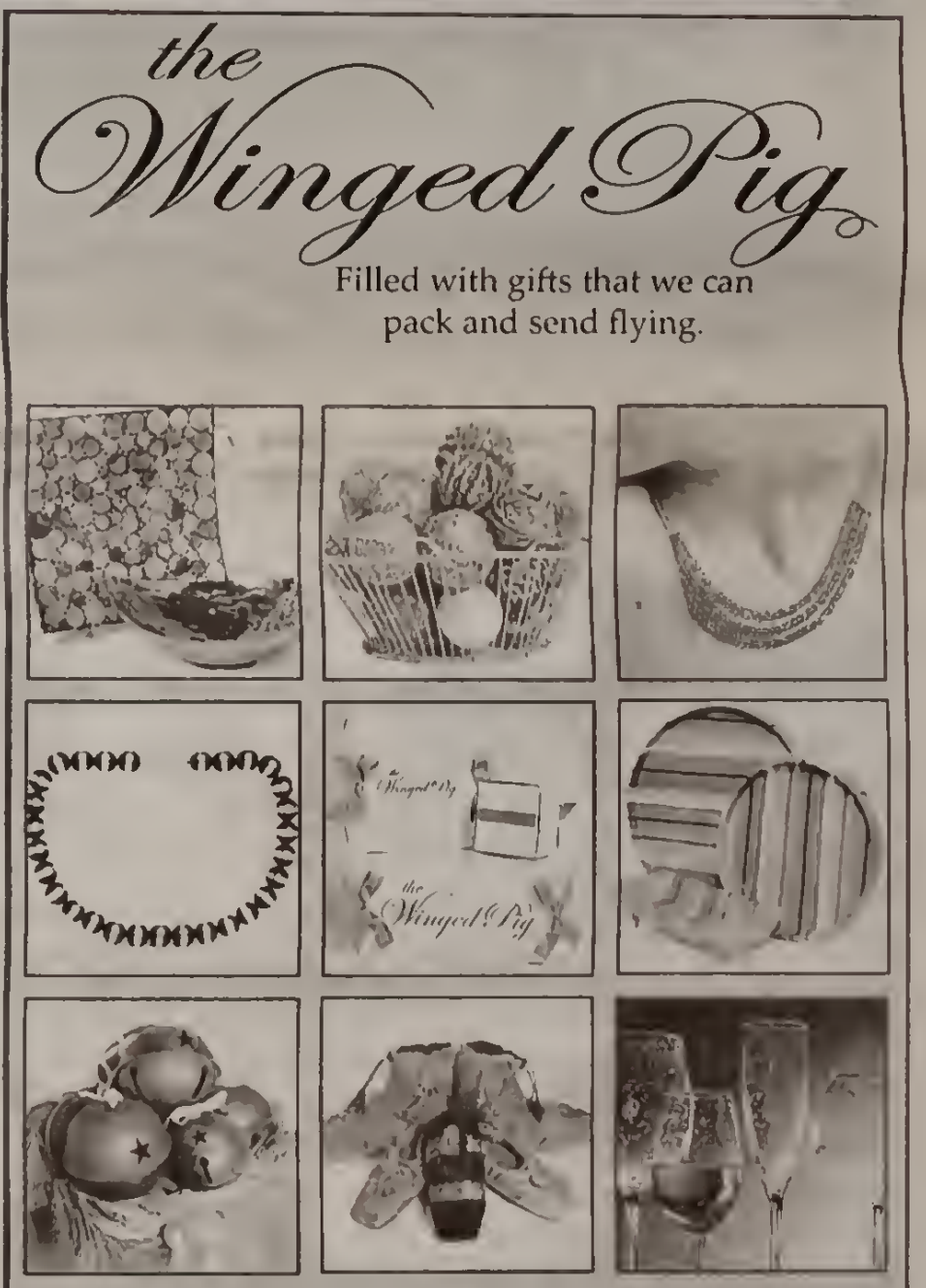
1860 House Cafe Offers Caroling Event Next Week

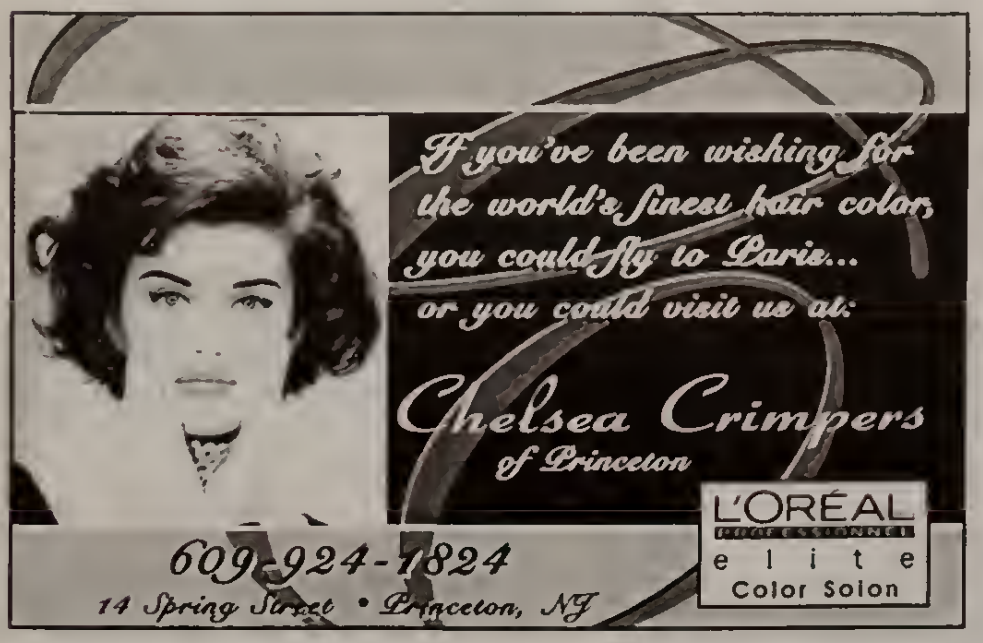
Montgomery's 1860 House Cafe is presenting a caroling event Wednesday, December 15, between 7 and 9:30 p.m. According to Cafe co-founder Dotty Westgate, there will also be some local professional performers on hand and possibly some surprise guests. The emphasis will still be on carol singing with piano, however.

The Cafe is located in the library of the Montgomery Center for the Arts, 124 Montgomery Road, in Skillman. Housed in a historic two-story renovated farmhouse built in 1860 by a member of New Jersey's Ballantine beer family, the Center also houses an art gallery offering workshops for students of the arts. The Center is currently holding its Third Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibit and Sale, which will run through December 19. Gallery hours during the exhibit and sale will be Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

For the December musical event there is a suggested donation of $5, which includes admission and light refreshments. For directions or additional information, call (609) 921-3272 or go to www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com.







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Petitioner for Snowden Lane Sidewalk Urges Township to Heed Its Advisors

To the Editor:

Contrary to some recent reports in the local press, public opinion on whether sidewalks should be installed on Snowden Lane between Franklin and Rollingmead is not evenly divided. Rather, the surrounding community overwhelmingly supports the sidewalk proposal. In truth, the only solid opposition to the sidewalks is from the 12 or so families on each side of the block in question. Their main argument against sidewalks, and the one that two Council members cited in voting against the sidewalk proposal, was that it would irreparably destroy the historic, rural character of their neighborhood. Their other arguments included these: they don't like change, they don't want to have to shovel the sidewalks, and their block of Snowden is already safe for pedestrians.

In contrast, in about two weeks time, with no real organized effort, I was able to gather 94 signatures from people throughout Princeton who support the installation of the sidewalk on Snowden. This petition is only a hint at the support for sidewalks in Princeton. As the experts explained at the November 30 hearing, and as our experience tells us, sidewalks are the only sure-fire way to separate pedestrians from traffic. Installing sidewalks encourages people to walk and decreases vehicle traffic, congested roads, pollution, and obesity.

In voting against the sidewalk proposal, two Council members allowed the narrow concerns of a few vocal residents to trump the obvious safety benefits that would inure to the greater Princeton community. In doing so, they bought into the claim that this portion of Snowden is a "rural island" unto itself. In fact, the blocks below, above, to the left, and to the right of the block in question all have sidewalks. This is truly the missing link block and, thereby discourages people from walking in the surrounding neighborhood. Moreover, it is unfathomable how the residents of one block, surrounded by other blocks with sidewalks and less than 100 yards from Nassau Street, could assert that their one block is a "rural neighborhood." Good neighborhoods are places where people care about each other and want safe, healthy environments for themselves and children beyond their immediate block.

Unfortunately, the November 30 Township vote ended in a two-two tie with one member absent. I urge all those who support the installation of sidewalks on Snowden to let the Township know their view and I urge the Township to reconsider the issue and to vote based on the logical presentations of the Township Engineer, Arborist, and Traffic Safety Expert, who collectively presented a solid basis for the sidewalk and an attractive plan for its installation.

LINDA SCHWIMMER
Leabrook Lane

Correspondence on Immigration Case Raises a Question: Who Is Intolerant?

To the Editor:

Trust a bunch of lawyers to twist an honest hard-working American's words to suit their own narrow agenda.

Corrington Hwong (Town Topics Mailbox, November 17) may not have full knowledge of the intricacies of the law, but the thought she expressed was that of the majority of Americans. Only a bunch of lawyers could turn an innocent comment from a concerned citizen into an accusation of intolerance. It makes one wonder who the intolerant people really are. Perhaps these same lawyers could publish a list of other behaviors that are illegal but "not criminal" so that all residents can take advantage of this apparent loophole in the American justice system. Perhaps these same lawyers should lay off the Feds and local police for simply doing their job, and investigate the employers of illegals who pay less than minimum wage, no overtime, and no health coverage, to benefit people who could not be bothered to rake their own leaves. Perhaps these same lawyers could also publish a list of all the hardworking, family-oriented individuals whom they claim fill our jails.

As a legal immigrant I find it intolerable that everyone who wants to come to this great country should not have to go through the same grueling process that I went through. Corrington Hwong made an innocent, honest statement that was cruelly twisted by the group of people who have the most to gain by encouraging millions of scared illegals to continue to break the law and stay in this country — immigration lawyers.

TOM ROONEY
Jefferson Road

Princeton Youth Achievers Reassures Its Supporters Following Staff Arrests

To the Editor:

As reported recently, two former Princeton Youth Achievers (PYA) staff members have been arrested and charged with unauthorized purchases of computer equipment and office supplies. We want to reassure our friends and supporters that we were able to quickly identify and deal with this issue as a result of both our internal financial control system and the strong community support PYA enjoys. In the meantime, equipment and supplies have been returned to PYA. Needless to say, we are cooperating fully with the authorities as they process the charges.

Princeton Youth Achievers continues to serve approximately 140 students from low and moderate income families who look to PYA's programs for educational support. Our two interim Executive Directors, Larry Fieber (National Distinguished Principal of the Year who recently retired from Ewing's Parkside Elementary School) and Warren Schuster (principal of Ewing's Middle School for 20 years) have infused the program with their strong educational leadership. The quality and enthusiasm of the teaching staff and volunteers has never been better; and the program's educational activities are not only continuing but improving.

We thank our many supporters in the public at large for your continuing support.

JEAN BALDWIN GROSSMAN
President of the Board
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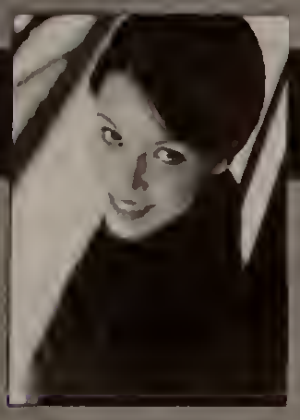
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JW POOL IS COMPLETE: Princeton High School swimming coach Greg Hand, at right, cuts the ribbon on the new swimming pool at John Witherspoon Middle School on Monday, November 29, during the official opening ceremony. Looking on are Princeton Regional School Board President Anne Burns, far left, and former Board member Rev. Frank Strasburger, center. The pool opened to students on November 15, as the Princeton High School swim team took the honorary first laps. Adjustments around the pool will continue to be made so that the pool is available for use by outsiders in early 2005.

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We are keeping an honest open record of what people think."

Princeton Future has neither endorsed nor put forth a plan for the Witherspoon Corridor.

And despite the strong language issued in the Rutgers letter, representatives said that they are "only looking" for discussions in this process beyond those Princeton Future has moderated so far.

"What do we think is the right way we want to express our view?" said Heidi Fichtenbaum of Carnahan Place and one of 15 members of the community group she said is loosely called the "Witherspoon Alliance." The group, she added, does not have an official leader, nor does it have legal representation like the Concerned Citizens of Princeton, a community group formed to combat Princeton Future's role in the downtown development process.

Ms. Fichtenbaum expressed her desire to preserve Witherspoon Street as a "town commons," referring to the various institutions like the library, the Arts Council, several churches, the Township's "town hall," and schools, including Community Park and the University.

"In general, there are people in the community who have concerns that Princeton Future may not represent our interests, but I don't really understand what it is they want to do," she said.

Mr. Sturges said the aim of the Princeton Future meetings is to not put forth prefabricated developmental ideas, but to cull ideas from neighborhood discussions. "Each person is entitled to their point of view, but what matters here is that we form a consensus," he said.

"If we can't, then we keep the status quo."

At the same time, recent meetings held by Princeton Future, have suggested that Witherspoon Street's problems include not only the possible expansion/relocation of the University Medical Center at Princeton but a consideration of how that neighborhood, which ranges from commercial to residential to mixed-use, will take shape for generations to come.

On Saturday, Princeton Future conducted the first of three weekly community meetings as part of the group's Witherspoon Street Corridor Study. The first installment looked at the northern end of Witherspoon, at the junction of Valley Road and Route 206, near the Township Municipal Complex. The session broke into three smaller groups, allowing residents to brainstorm how they would ideally like to see that area. Princeton Future has stated in its goals that a plan for that stretch of roadway is needed for the Princeton community at large since it serves as the "spine" of Princeton.

While residents and Princeton Future representatives alike have expressed worry about the impact development in town will have on the nearby residential neighborhoods, it seems clear now that not all residents are comfortable with Princeton Future's role in spearheading the discussion process.

Princeton Future will hold its next Witherspoon Street meeting in the community room of the Princeton Public Library this Saturday, December 11, at 9 a.m.

—Matthew Hersh

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Parenting Forum

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said, adding that that feeling of neighborhood camaraderie, in discussing both friendly and serious issues with other parents, doesn't seem to be prevalent in Princeton today.

He also discussed the many issues that have been debated publicly regarding student parking around Princeton High School, suggesting the problem isn't the necessity for an organized parking system, but the need to relieve tensions that exist between youths that congregate on roads near the high school and the school's neighbors. Rev. Strasburger said that if the wall of anonymity was broken down, perhaps a social change, rather than a physical change regarding parking, would help alter the tensions in town.

With two children in college and one still in school, he relayed some of his own experiences raising his children in Princeton, noting how when he tried to get in touch with parents regarding their children's behavior, some were angered more by his attempts at communication than they were concerned for their child's well being.

"In a community of parents, not everyone has the same values," he said.

Parents may be reluctant to appear nosey or judgmental if they call the parents of their son's or daughter's friends when they know there is a problem, he said: "When a kid is in trouble, people need to be around to help."

Princeton parents need to work together to find a way to become parents together in the community, rather than trying to handle similar situations in different households on their own, said Rev. Strasburger: "[Being a parent] is the most important job that any of us has, and we're all flying by the seat of our pants."

Parents' Concerns

Parents broke into small groups to discuss the kinds of problems they deal with on a daily basis with their children, and to find a common ground to work on with other parents to help steer today's youth onto the right path.

Charlotte Bialek, Board vice president, suggested a "safe house" program that had been part of the community several years ago, homes where children felt they could go during an emergency or for every day problems: "I felt my kids knew a lot of people in town then."

Ms. Bialek added that youth appear to be too often looked at by area merchants as shoplifters just because they wear their hair a certain way or dress differently.

African American students also feel they are being profiled in town when standing in a group, particularly after the recent incidents of bias crimes in the Borough, she added: "We forget what it was like growing up ... I find the animosity towards kids today very strange."

Underage drinking was also a concern discussed by parents, since one problem in town concerns parties where parents are present but not paying attention to what their children are doing. In addition, in an attempt to conceal the alcohol from adults, some teens will drink excessively in private before hanging out with their friends, a major health hazard. Parents need to be mindful of the condition of youths walking into their home and whether they appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, said Ms. Bialek.

Other ideas included forming a "no questions asked" phone chain where students could call for a ride home after they've been drinking, or forming various outlets for teens rather than one teen center, as youth often like to meet their own groups of friends in different places.

Some of the current hangouts for teens that were mentioned include Halo Pub, Hoagie Haven, and "Knight Dreams," a card game center for boys run by a University graduate.

Offering outlets for teens in existing places in town could help, said Township Committeeman Lance Liverman, suggesting that the Garden Theatre offer a special discount rate for high school students, and not just University students.

Concerned parents will continue the dialogue on today's youth and try to find an area organization to take leadership of this movement, such as the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, said Board President Anne Burns following the meeting.

"It was a very worthwhile event, and a good first step. I hope we'll be able to move forward from this."

—Candace Braun

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26 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 26 births to area residents during the two-week period ending December 6.

Sons were born to Michelle and Dennis Angeles, Princeton, November 23; Stephanie and Nathan Loudon, Princeton, November 25; Priya and Ramesh Durvasula, Princeton, November 26; Leslie and Andrew Geller, Princeton, November 27; Daniela Ciminella Spera and Antonino Spera, Princeton, November 27; Amy and Michael Wargo, Princeton, November 27; Laura Teller and Doug Duda, Princeton, November 28; M. Harper Hoff-Collins and Daniel Collins, Lawrenceville, December 1; Colleen and Hang Kim, Lawrenceville, December 1; Deborah and Kevin Carroll, Princeton Junction, December 3; Nicola and David Hall, Princeton Junction, December 4; Ping Yan and Haiben Wu, Princeton, December 5; and Himali and Atim Kabra, Princeton Junction, December 6.

Daughters were born to He Xiao and Shuping Qing, Princeton, November 21; Hongwei Zhang and Huidong Gu, Princeton, November 22; Natalie Moiseeva and Vadim Adamovich, Lawrenceville, November 24; Rachna and Pendra Sharma, Skillman, November 27; Cynthia and David Chait, West Windsor, November 27; Amy and Paul Decker, Princeton, November 30; Shilpa Lalchandani and Shukrit Chimode, Princeton, December 2; Christine and Ben Humphreys, Princeton, December 2; Suzanne and Dermid Kelly, Princeton, December 4; Amy Ma and Anthony Kihm, Princeton, December 4; Cassandra Mahoney and James Minz, Princeton, December 5; Depali Desai and Uday Jain, Lawrenceville, December 6; and Aleksandra and Peter Morfino, Lawrenceville, December 6.

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Hospital Task Force

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Harris Road.

Even if the hospital were to modernize its facility only to adhere to current standards and code, it would require a certain level of expansion, Mr. Reed said at Thursday night's Regional Planning Board meeting.

He said the task force discussed expansion on three levels: immediate modernization taking the hospital into the year 2010; expansion accommodating the hospital from 2010 to 2025; and how the hospital would sustain a competitive, on-site facility beyond that date.

Mr. Reed added that if there is a "sentiment" that indicates the hospital were not able to stay on-site, "then we'd be looking at the minimum amount of expansion that would be tolerated" so the hospital could function at its current location while it builds a new campus.

But Mr. Reed warned that hospital trustees may not view a minimum, on-site expansion as cost-effective if the facility ends up moving to an alternative location at some point in the future.

"That still remains to be seen," he said.

Tonight's forum will also explore additional uses for the Merwick site off Bayard Lane. That discussion, Mr. Reed said, may include alternative development for residential housing; a continuing care retirement community; institutional development, such as for University graduate or faculty use; mixed-use development; or a hotel/conference center.

—Matthew Hersh

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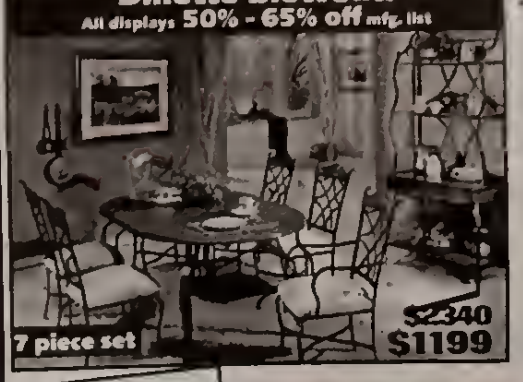

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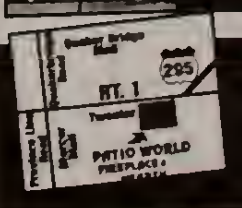

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There are no suspects.

Two Princeton University students were burglarized when their dormitory room in the University's 1915 Hall was entered sometime between 11 a.m. and noon on November 28. The room was unattended at the time of the burglary. The roommates reported the theft of cash, clothing, and credit cards having a total value of $600. Borough Police have no suspects.

Township Police also reported burglaries on November 28, the first during the afternoon at a residence in the 400 block of Herrontown Road, the second during the late evening at Hun School. In the Herrontown Road crime, unknown person(s) broke into the house by forcing open the front door, then stole an undetermined amount of jewelry. In the Hun School burglary, unknown person(s) forced entry into an office sometime after 8 p.m. and stole $1,000 in cash.

Motorists using Route 206 were forced to use detours on December 1 after a tree fell across the highway near Ewing Street, knocking down power lines and causing a fire in the road. The fire was extinguished by a PSE&G crew but left a large hole in the road, making the southbound lane impassable. The accident forced closure of the road from 10 a.m. until midnight.

A 36-year-old Plainsboro man was the victim of an unprovoked assault when he was struck on the head with a bottle by an unknown man on Nassau Street on December 3. The attack took place in front of Triumph Brewing Company at approximately 11:30 p.m., shortly after the victim left the restaurant. The injured man, who was unable to describe his assailant, was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton for treatment.

A Florida man wanted on an active warrant for attempted robbery in Gainesville was arrested on December 6 at Princeton University's Frist Campus Center. Peter M. Clark, 22, of Gainesville, was spotted in the Campus Center by University Department of Public Safety officials, who ran a check on him before notifying Borough Police. The man was then arrested by Ptl. John Furyk and taken to Mercer County Detention Center, where he was held without bail while awaiting extradition to Florida.

Six drivers were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated: Angel Garcia-Lopez, 26, of New Hope, Pa., on November 24; Jennifer Fraley, 31, of East Brunswick, on November 27; Rachman Onaje Blake, 19, of Manalapan, a Princeton University student, on November 27; Marc A. Lieberman, 31, of Stonebridge Lane, on December 1; Tony Stanton, 34, of Monmouth Junction, on December 2; and Carlton S. Saunders, 59, of Lawrenceville, on December 4. All were charged with DWI and other motor vehicle offenses, and assigned December court dates.

Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department reports the following activity for the week ending on Friday, December 3:

It was an relatively slow week for the department, which responded to 13 calls since November 29. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms went set off during renovation work by construction companies and malfunctioning systems at residences, schools, and businesses at Princeton House, Terrace Club (on two occasions), Battle Circle, Cherry Valley Road, Witherspoon Street, and the Nassau Inn.

On Wednesday, December 1, Fire Rescue 61, Squirt 63, and Engine 62 responded to State Road for wires down across the roadway. The high-voltage lines were taken down by a tree that also blocked the road. Before PSE&G crews could de-energize the lines, they burned a trench in the road which had to be cooled down using tank water from Squirt 63. Repairs to the road also had to be made. The road was closed for several hours.

Later that day all three stations responded when an individual was trapped in an elevator at the Waxwood Apartments on Quarry Street. Because an elevator key was not available, crews made forcible entry to the elevator cab and extricated the person trapped, who was unharmed.

On Thursday, December 2, a smell of natural gas brought Engine 61 and Squirt 63 to a residence on Dorann Avenue. Initial reports of a strong odor proved to be unfounded.

Engine 61 responded to a report of sparks coming from a fan in a home on Jonathan Dayton Court. Crews de-energized the fan and no smoke or fire was found.

The Princeton Fire Department is an all-volunteer organization that is always in need of new members. Anyone interested in volunteering should call (609) 497-7646, or (609) 731-1314.

RESCUE REPORT

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad reports the following activity for the week ending on Friday, December 3:

The squad responded to 51 calls last week. Of these, 23 were in Princeton Township, and 28 were in Princeton Borough. Included in these numbers were four calls to Princeton University.

Early Saturday morning, November 27, the squad was busy with three calls between midnight and 2:30 a.m. One of these calls was for a fight on Nassau Street, where a 20 year-old male was reportedly thrown against a wall by his intoxicated friend. The victim, bleeding from the back of his head, was transported to the hospital.

On Thursday December 2, squad personnel were dispatched to four calls in an hour and a half. Two ambulances responded to the calls -two patients who had fallen, one reported to be having a stroke and one in cardiac arrest- in an average of five minutes.

Friday, December 3, was extremely busy for the squad, with 14 emergency calls. Included in these were four dispatches for fall victims, three patients who had passed out or had an altered mental status, and two patients who were in cardiac arrest.

Behind the scenes at the squad, 11 members recently completed 128 hours of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training in a class hosted at the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad's headquarters. These members have taken the National Registry certification exam and are anxiously awaiting their results. The squad congratulates and thanks these individuals for their dedication of time and energy and commitment to serve the Princeton community.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 8

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Holiday Open House; Morven Museum and Garden, 55 Stockton Street.

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

4:30 p.m.: Student Reading, with Princeton University students in Creative Writing Program; Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Candlelight Service; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: *Celodine*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

9:30 p.m.: Dave Homan Hotet; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, December 9

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Craft Show to benefit Give Kids the World; Staybridge Suites, 4375 Route 1 South.

5 p.m.: Annual Menorah Lighting; Palmer Square.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmos Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Vienna Choir Boys; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

10 p.m.: The Spinz Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, December 10

4:30 p.m.: Talk, with Marianne Elliott, *Religion and Identity in Irish History*; Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

7 p.m.: *No Good Nigga Blues*; MC3 Studio Theatre; Mercer County Community College.

8 p.m.: *A Christmos Story*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Community Orchestra and Westminster Community Chorus, Handel's *Messiah*; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *A Bedfull of Foreigners*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Humperdinck's *Hänsel and Gretel*, with Westminster Opera Theater; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Evening of Readings and Carols*; Princeton University Chapel. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Concert, *Holiday Mysteries*, with Hopewell Valley Chorus; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8:15 p.m.: Folk Singer Sally Rogers; Christ Congregation Church.

10:30 p.m.: The Killer Blues Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, December 11

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Christmas Bazaar; First Baptist Church.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: *Babes in Toyland*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.

2 p.m.: *Family Christmos Concert* with Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

2 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet Company, *The Nutcrocker*; Montgomery High School, Skillman.

3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: *Holiday Hop* concert with The Drifters, The Coasters, The Platters; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

7:30 p.m.: The Second City; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: *Songs of the Season*, with Robin Greenstein; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Handel's *Messiah*, with Princeton Pro Musica; Richardson Auditorium.

10:30 p.m.: Crucial Reggae; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Sunday, December 12

Noon to 4 p.m.: Holiday Open House; Morven Museum and Garden, 55 Stockton Street.

1 to 4 p.m.: Schenck House Holiday Open House; Schenck Farmstead, 50 Southfield Road, West Windsor.

1:30 and 3 p.m.: Engelchor Consort; Princeton University Art Museum. Free.

2 p.m.: Live music with Joe Gage and Guy Derosa; A.R.T. Space Gallery, 53 Hulfish Street.

3 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet Company, *The Nutcracker*; Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough.

4 p.m.: Handel's *Messiah*, with Princeton Pro Musica; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra Family Holiday Concert, with New Jersey Tap Ensemble and Princeton High School Choir; Richardson Auditorium.

Monday, December 13
Recycling Pickup

4 p.m.: Township Historic Preservation Commission; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: The Tallis Scholars; Richardson Auditorium. (Sold Out.)

Tuesday, December 14

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

Wednesday, December 15

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Holiday Open House; Morven Museum and Garden, 55 Stockton Street.

12:30 p.m.: Book reading and signing with Paula Bramsen Cullen; Princeton University Store.

6:30 and 8:30 p.m.: *Carols of Mony Notions* with Jubilate Deo and Cantate Domino Choirs; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

7 p.m.: Holiday Music Concert with Dotty and Friends; 1860 House Cafe, The Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Corol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

9:30 p.m.: Eric Mintel Quartet; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, December 16

10 p.m.: The 609 Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 8- Wednesday, Dec. 15

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

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Abbreviations: Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB), Spruce Circle (SC), Redding Circle (RC), Borough Hall (BH), Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC), Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM).

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Wednesday, Dec. 8:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. CAPS — "Handling End-of-Life Issues;" SPB.
5:30 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Thursday, Dec. 9:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Russian Plays off the Page; HPLC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, Dec. 10:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Art; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

Monday, Dec. 13:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, Dec. 14:
11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Renaissance of Europe (Italy); SC.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, Dec. 15:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
4:00 p.m. HOLIDAY PARTY; SPB.

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Mercer County News	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM			10:00 AM
Cooking Show	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Catch Tomorrow Today: Holocaust Survivor		11:00 AM		11:00 AM			
Women's Global Perspectives - "Holistic Approach to Health"						11:00 AM	
Vox Artis. Interviews with local artists	11:00 AM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM
"Peek-a-boo Turtle" - Children's Show	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM
RealFaith TV. Sharing Your Youth	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM		
Tampo (music education) with Dr. John Meyers						12:00 PM	12:00 PM
International Vision: students playing music						12:30 PM	12:30 PM
Carnival Ritual on Trinidad, Fastival Arts	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM		
Taiji Jian (32 Posture Forms) damonstrated by Zhang Yun						1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Peggy Seegar - singar, play guitar, banjo and English concartina on "Horses Singing"						2:30 PM	2:30 PM
"Brown bag Lunch Talk" at tha Princeton Senior Rasource Canter	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM		
Von Karmen Lecture (JPL)and PAS Lecture (Mon, Tue)	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Dreamin' Blues, Pretzel Western, Jokez (shorts)	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	5:05 PM	5:05 PM
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"History of The Oelaware & Raritan Canal" & "Lost Princeton"	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM		
Peggy Seagar - singer, play guitar, banjo and English concertina on "Horses Singing"						7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mercer County News (Mon.-Fri.) & WZBN in Spanish (Sat. & Sun.)	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
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Ultimate Frisbee - Johny Walker Bowl (2004)							8:00 PM
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Café Improv monthly show	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM
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ART

THREE VISIONS, ONE GALLERY: The Peggy Lewis Gallery, on the second floor of the Lambertville Public Library, is currently hosting the exhibit, "Three Visions," containing the works of oil painter Wayne Holland, watercolorist Janet Waronker, above, and painter/sculptor Susanne Pitak-Davis.

'Three Visions,' One Room At Lambertville Library

The Peggy Lewis Gallery, on the second floor of the Lambertville Public Library, is currently hosting an exhibition featuring the work of three artists with vastly different styles.

The exhibit, "Three Visions," contains the works of oil painter Wayne Holland, watercolorist Janet Waronker, and painter and sculptor Susanne Pitak-Davis. There will be a gala opening at the gallery this Saturday, December 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. where there will be a sale of sterling silver and wire wrap jewelry by Nora Lewis.

Holland uses opposing colors and shapes in his abstract paintings. Inspired by the likes of Van Gogh, Matisse, and Gauguin, Holland has recently studied painting under Phil Orenstein at Rutgers University.

In her watercolors, Warwonker conveys her perceptions of the "natural world," she said. Using tempera paint, the artist uses personal imagery in the creative process.

Waronker is a creative arts therapist at the University Medical Center at Princeton and an instructor of water color at the Arts Council of Princeton.

Pitak-Davis is an artist and art therapist who is known throughout the Lambertville region for her paintings and sculptures depicting whimsical winged creatures. Her recent works have included ceramic paintings and sculpture done in tempera and collage. "My art deals with storytelling and mythological messages," she said.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (215) 348-3312.

"URBAN CLOUDS": Wood, stone, and bronze sculptures, above, by Joseph Petrovics, will be displayed in a double-bill show with digital artist Madelaine Shellaby at The Witherspoon Gallery, located in Holsome Teas and Herbs at 27 Witherspoon Street in Princeton. The show, slated to run from December 17 through January 24, is the maiden exhibit under new gallery chief Ann Ridings, herself a painter. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. and there will be an opening reception on December 17, 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-1799.

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TWO SHOWS AT HOPEWELL GALLERY: Two shows are currently showing at Gallery 14 in Hopewell: the first showcases the black-and-white stylings of Marilyn Canning, above, in "Forgotten Passageways," an exhibit that explores different portals, passageways, and stairways while the second show highlights the paint-infused photography of Rhoda Kassof-Isaac in "Eye Paintings, Brush Paintings, Photographs." The shows will continue through December 19. Gallery 14 is located at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call (609) 333-8511 or visit www.photosgallery14.com.

Art Classes for Adults Offered at Arts Council

The Arts Council of Princeton has released its curriculum of classes for adults in ceramics, painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, creative writing, and dance. The classes, geared toward both novice and expert students, are taught by experienced instructors teaching both beginner and intermediate students in small groups. Registration is taking place right now.

Ceramics classes cover throwing on the wheel for beginner and experienced potters as well as the exploration of sculptural, decorative, and functional demonstrations in hand-building techniques, basic wheel throwing, and basic glaze application. New this semester is a figure modeling sculpture class focusing on anatomy and proportion and using clay and wire to sculpt from a live model.

For those interested in experimenting with paint, there are beginner classes in both watercolor and acrylic, including a one-day watercolor workshop, "Inner Visions: Paint Your Heart Out!," in which participants will be guided toward creative self-expression. For practiced and novice oil painters, there are several more to choose from: "Study of the Head," "Introduction to Figure Painting," "Classical Portraiture," and "Classical Still Life in Oil."

For those wanting to give drawing a try, the Arts Council offers "Beginning Figure Drawing," simplified to enable every student to learn the fundamentals of gesture drawing, foreshortening, contrast, composition, and portraits. Also available is the "Open Figure Drawing Workshop" every Monday night. That program entails a non-instructional workshop where artists can work from a live model in using a medium of their choosing.

For those wishing to explore more than one medium, the Arts Council offers mixed-media classes. "Introduction to Abstraction" will cover the basic principles of two-dimensional media, encompassing paint, drawing materials, and mixed-media collage to explore color theory, composition, design principles, elements of one's surroundings, dreams, and abstraction in art history. In a one-day workshop, Dar Hosta, children's book author and illustrator, will discuss design, color, subject matter, and trade-book market trends as they relate to children's picture books, and then present her own method of collage to help students to create their own illustrations. Another one-day workshop, entitled "Handmade Sketchbooks and Artistic Documentation," encourages participants to see the sketchbook as an object of art by looking at samples of contemporary artists' sketchbooks, as well as the sketches of artists who present unique ways of documenting the world through an artistic lens. Finally, students will make their own bound sketchbook using a variety of special papers, paints, printmaking techniques, and other collage materials.

Additionally, the Arts Council will also offer its regular beginning and intermediate classes in black and white photography, both of which include darkroom usage.

"EARTHEN ELEGANCE": "Earthen Elegance: African Ceramic Vessels from the Newark Museum Collection" highlights sixteen exceptional works drawn from the Newark Museum's collection of ceramic vessels from countries such as Kenya, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, and Malawi. The pottery will be on display until December 31, 2005.

Dancing & Writing

The Arts Council is also offering classes in two genres of dance. "Beginning Flamenco," aims to give all participants a workout of the mind, body, and soul. "Beginning Indian Dance," new this semester, will teach the classical dance of Bharatanatyam, covering its basic steps, hand gestures, and facial expressions, as well as the history of the dance.

Also available at the Arts Council is a "Guided Writing Group," a workshop that allows writers to share their work with other writers. New this semester is "Memoir Writing: Women's Voices Through the Life Span."

The Arts Council is now taking registrations for all classes. For information on classes and to register online, visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. For more information, call (609) 924-8777. Discounted parking passes for the Palmer Square garages are available at the Arts Council and should be picked up before classes begin.

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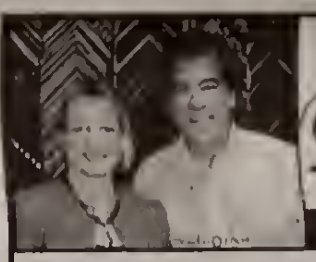

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U-Store Poetry Exposition To Exhibit Tapestries

Princeton's recently established independent publishing house, Red Hummingbird Press, will launch its second book at the Princeton University Store on Wednesday, December 15 at 12:30 p.m. Publisher Hanna Fox will showcase *The Sun's Palette, Poems and Tapestries*, by Paula Bramsen Cullen. The promotion for the author's second poetry collection will be accommpanied by the author's abstract needlepoint tapestries.

Ms. Cullen's first collection, *Journey of Storms*, was praised by author Judith Viorst for "offer[ing] a true and eloquent glimpse into the psychoanalytic experience." Ms. Cullen's work has appeared in a broad array of literary journals, including Anthology of Magazine Verse and Yearbook of American Poetry, Cimarron Review, Connecticut Fireside & Review of Books, Emerson of Harvard (An Anthology), Hyacinths and Biscuits, Journal of New Jersey Poets, Kansas Quarterly, Poem, Robbins Song, and the Princeton Packet Publications. The author and her husband, Dan, are long-time Princeton residents.

History

Publisher and author never guessed, meeting at the door of their children's nursery school in 1972, that they would become creative collaborators more than 30 years later. In addition to her poetry, Ms. Cullen has shown her adeptness with needle and yarn, creating the abstract tapestries that further illuminate *The Sun's Palette*. "Creating my needlepoint designs is like sculpting color," Cullen said.

Ms. Fox, writer and teacher of writing since the 1970's, is publisher/editor-in-chief of Red Hummingbird Press. The Press's first release was the 2003 biopic *Condle in a Dark Time*, by 90-year-old Princeton author Virginia Stuart. Based on actual events, "Candle" is a novel of Danish heroism in the face of Nazi takeover brutalities. Four fictional sisters discover and deal with the imminent round-up of their Jewish friends in October, 1943, during a handful of weeks in which Danes saved more than 7200 Jews.

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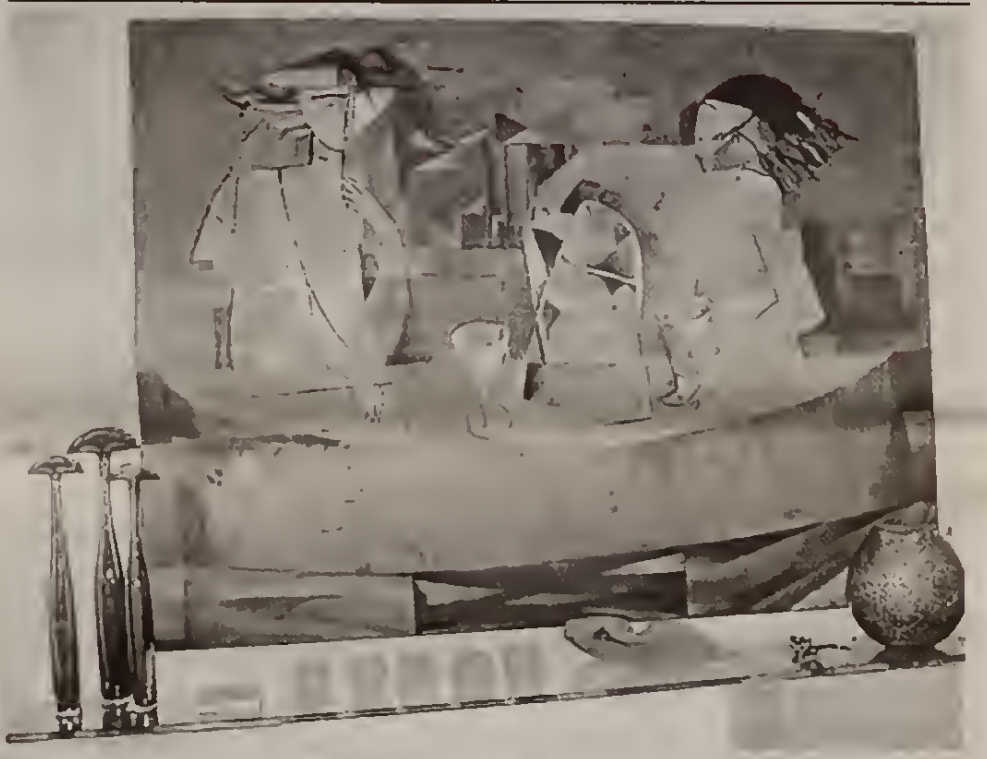
A "BECOMING" TAPESTRY: Tapestries by Paula Bramsen Cullen will appear at the Princeton University Store next Wednesday, December 15 at 12:30 p.m. to accompany the release of *The Sun's Palette*, Cullen's poetry collection published by the Princeton-based Red Hummingbird Press.



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"DISCO IN THE OCEAN": Nancy Staub Laughlin will host a solo exhibition at the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery at the Princeton Day School beginning this Monday, December 13. The show, "Aqueous Worlds of Wonder," illustrates Laughlin's perspective of oceans, fields, fruit, and mountains.

A True Age of Aquarius At PDS' Reid '72 Gallery

Nancy Staub Laughlin will host a solo exhibition at the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery at Princeton Day School beginning this Monday, December 13.

"fn Laughlin's simmering, reflective universe, all is bright beauty, ease, and joyous color. Her style is as distinctive as her signature," said Sam Hunter, professor emeritus of art history at Princeton University in describing Laughlin's paintings.

The artist herself characterizes her works as "celebratory universes, water-borne interpretations of nature where oceans, flefds, Iruit, and mountains exude ease, beauty, and shine with brilliant, joyous color.

"I draw the things I love most — the fun comes from combining all the elements and unveiling a glowing world, which envelopes the viewer," she said.

"Aqueous Worlds of Wonder" will appear at the gallery at 650 Great Road through January 21. There will be an artist's reception on January 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., when school is in session. For more Information, call (609) 924-6700. To preview works, visit www.NancyStaubLaughlin.com.

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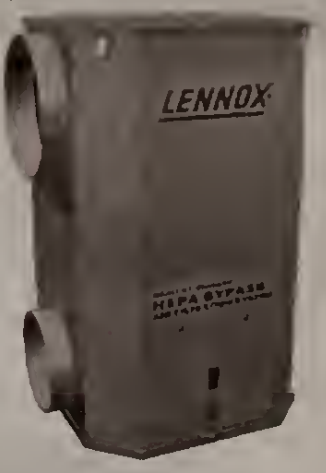

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CINEMA REVIEW — *Ocean's Twelve*

Danny's Former Gang of Eleven (Plus One) Does It Again

Frank Sinatra and the rest of the Rat Pack never took themselves all that seriously when they made the original *Ocean's 11* back in 1960. Nobody complained, however, because enough A-list actors had been assembled for the endeavor.

Director Steven Soderbergh took the same approach several years ago in his unsatisfying remake, crafting a slapdash romp which was a hit because of the big-name cast which included George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Bernie Mac, Matt Damon, Elliot Gould, Don Cheadle, and Carl Reiner. The question for this highly-anticipated sequel was whether Soderbergh would stick to that formula and produce a celebrity-driven farce, or would he make a movie that is memorable for more than its famous cast.

COORDINATING A COMPLICATED CAPER: Danny (George Clooney, left), Linus (Matt Damon, middle), and Rusty (Brad Pitt) are busy working out the details of their plans to steal a Faberge egg so they an raise enough cash to keep the Las Vegas mobsters off their tails. *(Photo by Ralph Nelson SMPSP)*

Ocean's Twelve is more satisfying than *Eleven* in terms of plot line and dialogue, and it adds Bruce Willis, Catherine Zeta-Jones, and Peter Fonda to the cast. The film has an international flavor thanks to breathtaking cinematography shot across European locations in Monte Carlo, Rome, Paris, Amsterdam, and Sicily.

Ocean's Twelve is a convoluted crime caper that begins three years after the gang had pilfered $160 million from Las Vegas kingpin Terry Benedict's (Andy Garcia) casino vault. Danny Ocean (Clooney) has remarried his ex-wife, Tess (Roberts), and retired to suburban Connecticut to live out his days quietly.

The rest of his crew have been indulging their individual fantasies. Con man Rusty (Pitt) has bought himself a trendy hotel in Hollywood and safecracker Frank (Mac) has been having his sensitive fingernails manicured in upscale salons. Meanwhile, British explosives expert Basher (Cheadle) is attempting to break into the music business and pickpocket Linus (Damon) has been dreaming about coming out of retirement to start his own operation.

The fun starts when a stool pigeon rats them all out to Benedict, and the ruthless mobster wants his money back immediately, or else. With half of the booty blown, Danny and company must reconvene and hatch a plot for an even bigger payday. They ultimately settle on stealing a priceless Faberge egg. By involving Tess in the scheme, they turn the team into an even dozen.

Between them and the Faberge stands Europol Agent Isabel Lahiri (Zeta-Jones), an expert at cracking such sophisticated cases, and Francois Toulour (Victor Cassel), a French master thief who is competing for the same prize. Peppered with plenty of humorous asides throughout, the production is frequently funny, if not always exactly plausible.

See it all resolved with a flourish which makes *Ocean's 12* one of those rare sequels which actually improves on the original.

Very Good (3 stars). Rated PG-13 for profanity. Running time: 130 minutes. Distributor: Warner Brothers.

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AT THE CINEMA

After the Sunset (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, and violence). Cat-and-mouse thriller about a thief (Pierce Brosnan) whose retirement to an island retreat is disturbed by the arrival of his FBI Agent nemesis (Woody Harrelson). With Salma Hayek, Don Cheadle, Obba Babatunde, and Mykelti Williamson.

Alexander (R for violence, sexuality, and nudity). Three-time Academy Award-winner Oliver 5tone directs this costume drama chronicling the life of Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.). Colin Farrell handles the title role as the young King of Macedonia who by the age of 25 had conquered 90 percent of the known world. Big name cast includes other Oscar-winners in Anthony Hopkins and Angelina Jolie, plus Rosario Dawson, Val Kilmer, and Jared Leto.

Being Julia (R for sexuality). Romance drama, set in London in the 1930s, features Annette Bening as an aging stage actress who, at the height of her career, takes refuge from a stale marriage in an illicit love affair with an ardent American admirer half her age.

Blade: Trinity (R for sex, profanity, and violence). The curtain comes down on this grisly trilogy with Wesley 5nipes reprising his title role as a vampire hunter. This final installment has him as the last hope who can save humanity from hordes of undead bloodsuckers. With Kris Kristofferson, Parker Posey, and Jessica Biel.

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R for sex and expletives). Renée Zellweger reprises her title role, and Hugh Grant returns too. The sequel, set four weeks later, has Bridget fretting about her new beau's (Colin Firth) close working relationship with his leggy assistant (Jacinda Barrett).

Christmas with the Kranks (PG for language and sexually suggestive material). Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis star in this Scrooge-themed comedy based *Skipping Christmas*, a holiday novel by John Grisham about a couple whose plans to ignore the holidays are disrupted by the unexpected arrival of their daughter (Julie Gonzalo). Supporting cast includes Dan Aykroyd, Jake Busey, Cheech and Tom Poston.

Closer (R for sexuality, nudity and profanity). Oscar-winner Mike Nichols (*The Graduate*) directs this adaptation of the Patrick Marber play of the same name. Leading ladies Julia Roberts and Natalie Portman appear opposite Clive Owen and Jude Law in a bawdy relationship drama about the effect of chance, instant attraction, and casual betrayal on two couples.

Finding Neverland (PG for adult themes and mild epithets) Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind Peter Pan, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman, and Julie Christie.

The Incredibles (PG for action violence). Disney animated, sci-fi adventure about a family of super-heroes, living secretly in suburbia under the Witness Protection Program, who come out of seclusion to save the world from a super-villain bent on world domination. Voices of CGI characters provided by Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, Craig T. Nelson, and Jason Lee.

Kinsey (R for sex content). Laura Linney and Liam Neeson star in this look at the life of Alfred Kinsey, Harvard-educated academic whose pioneering research in human sexual behavior in the late Forties opened up a whole new field of study.

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R for sex, expletives, nudity, drug use, and violence). Call Bill Murray Steve in this madcap update of Moby Dick about a revenge-minded oceanographer who sets out on an expedition to hunt down the jaguar shark which killed his partner. Along for the ride in this comic adventure are Steve's estranged wife (Anjelica Huston), a journalist (Cate Blanchett), and an airline pilot (Owen Wilson) who might be his son.

The Motorcycle Diaries (R for profanity). Biopic based on the journals of Che Guevera, written in 1951-52, when the future leader of the Cuban Revolution was a carefree, 23 year-old medical student.

National Treasure (PG for violence and scary images). Disney kiddie adventure starring Nicholas Cage as an archeologist in search of a treasure chest buried by Founding Fathers George Wahington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson during the Revolutionary War. Includes Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, and Christopher Plummer.

Ocean's Twelve (PG-13 for profanity). Original ensemble cast returns for sequel, expanding gang to accommodate the addition of Danny's (George Clooney) wife (Julia Roberts). This go-round, they decide to pull a trio of heists in Rome, Paris, and Amsterdam. Fresh faces include Catherine Zeta-Jones-Douglas, Bruce Willis, and Peter Fonda.

The Polar Express (G). Animated adaptation of *Jumanji*, author Chris Van Allsburg's children's book about a boy who's belief in Santa Claus is rewarded by the arrival of a train to take him to the North Pole as proof. Tom Hanks stars, supplying the voice of a half-dozen characters including the boy, his father, the conductor, a hobo, Scrooge and St. Nick.

Ray (PG-13 for sex and adult themes). Jamie Foxx disappears into the title role in this biopic based on the life of legendary blues singer Ray Charles. With Regina King, Terrence Howard, Kerry Washington, Larenz Tate, and Aunjanue Ellis.

Sideways (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Road film with Paul Giamatti as a recently-divorced writer who embarks on a weekend exploration of the California wine country with a washed-up actor friend (Thomas Haden Church) to soak their woes while reflecting on their failed relationships.

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG for crude humor). This adaptation of the popular Nickelodeon cartoon has its super-absorbent, super-hero (Tom Kenny) abandon the safety of Bikini Bottom to retrieve the stolen crown of King Neptune. With voicework supplied by Alec Baldwin, Jeffrey Tambor, James Earl Jones, Scarlett Johansson, and David Hasselhoff.

—Kam Williams

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MUSIC AND THEATER

MARCHING TAP DANCERS: The New Jersey Tap Ensemble will perform Victor Herbert's "March of the Toys" as part of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's annual Family Holiday Concert this Sunday, December 12 at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The concert will also feature the Princeton High School Choir singing classics by Vivaldi and Vaughan Williams, and an audience sing-along of holiday favorites. Tickets are $30 for adults, $18 for children and students.

Symphony Holiday Concert to Include PHS Choir, New Jersey Tap Ensemble

The Princeton High School Choir, New Jersey Tap Ensemble, and a surprise visitor from the North Pole will join the Princeton Symphony Orchestra for its annual Family Holiday Concert this Sunday, December 12 at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The program will also feature the annual audience sing-along of familiar holiday favorites.

The concert's featured work will be Blake's *The Snowman*, featuring student soprano Hannah Epstein and narrated by the "visitor from the North Pole." The New Jersey Tap Ensemble, which will perform Herbert's *March of the Toys*, and the PHS Choir, which will sing classics by Vivaldi and Vaughan Williams, are both returning for encore performances in the annual PSO concert.

Founded in 1980 by Portia Sonnenfeld as the "Little Orchestra of Princeton," today's Princeton Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mark Laycock, was recently awarded a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Citation of Excellence "for exhibiting the highest standards of excellence in its artistry, operations, governance, and public benefit." Princeton's only resident professional orchestra, the PSO offers a subscription series at Richardson Auditorium and many other performances throughout the region. It also produces BRAVO!, an in-school educational series with children's concerts at Richardson, attended by more than 8,000 schoolchildren each year.

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The MCCC Jazz Band will perform on Wednesday, December 15 at 8 p.m. Directed by Professor James Kelly, the band will present improvisations by jazz students along with such classics as Dizzy Gillespie's *A Night in Tunisia* and Miles Davis's *Four*, and standards by Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, and Hoagy Carmichael. Prof. Kelly's arrangement of Gershwin's *Summertime* will also be featured.

The Mercer County Symphonic Band will perform on Wednesday, December 22 at 8 p.m. In addition to traditional seasonal selections, the program will include original music by contemporary American composers, transcriptions of classical compositions, traditional marches, and other popular selections. Now in its 24th season, the band includes 65 members ranging in age from 13 to 73. It is sponsored by Mercer County Community College.

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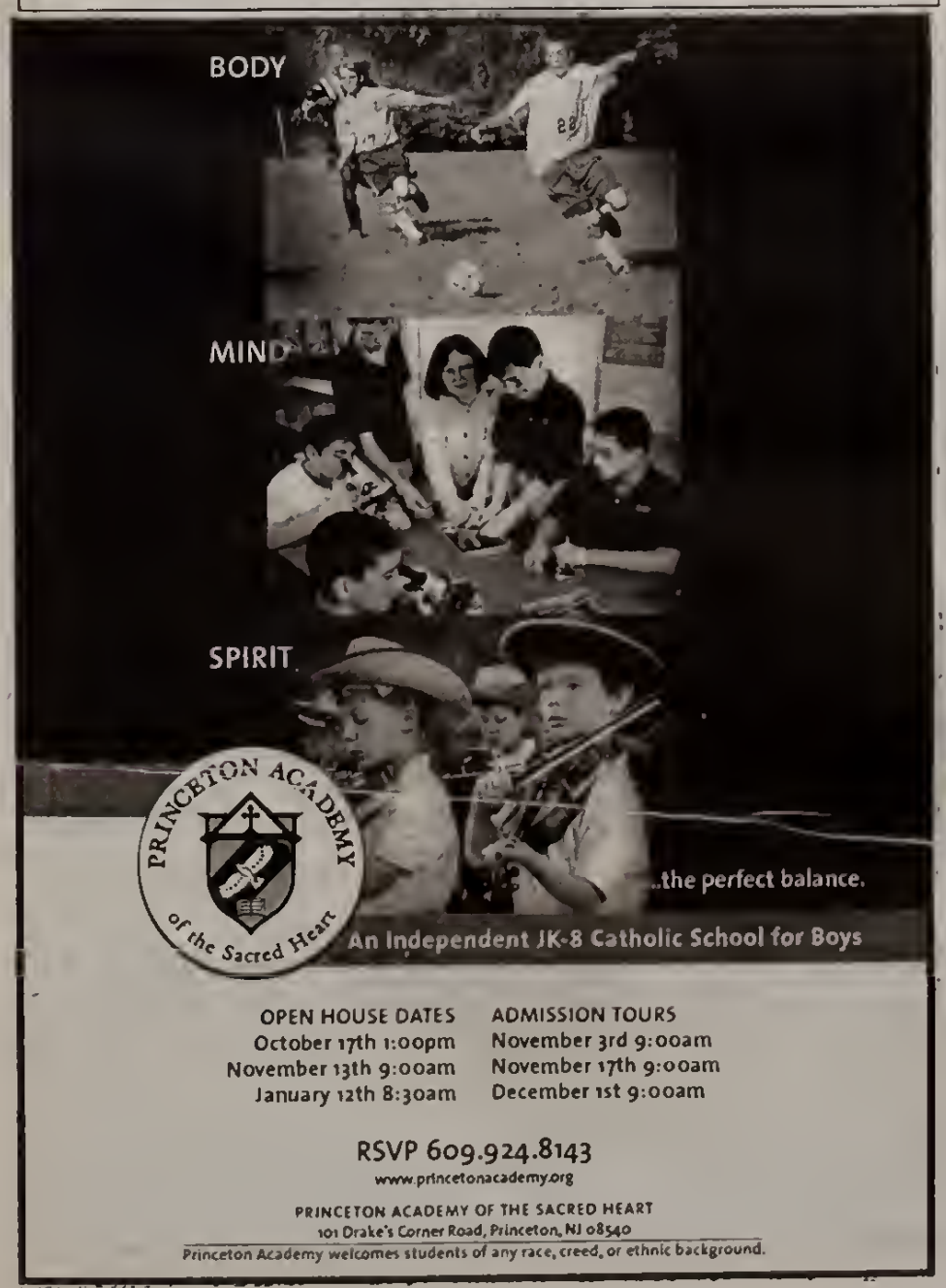

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NETWORK BOUND: The local a capella group Key of She will appear on NBC-TV's Jane Pauley Show next week with four other a cappella groups, performing traditional holiday songs. The Key of She selection, "O Holy Night," was arranged for the group by Charlie Ernst of Hightstown. Key of She members are, standing from left, Sue Jaques and Amy Raditz; seated from left, Lisa Ernst, Dyann Mazzeo, and Patty Cronheim; and kneeling, Pat Stearman.

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Local Singers to Appear On Jane Pauley Show

Key of She, the Princeton-based a cappella sextet of women vocalists, will appear on the Jane Pauley Show on the NBC-TV network on Monday December 13. The group will join four other a cappella groups in performing traditional holiday songs without accompaniment. Key of She's selection will be *See the Light*, written by the group's Patty Cronheim and arranged by its leader, Sue Jaques.

"We are thrilled that Jane Pauley personally requested our group for her show," said Ms. Jaques of Skillman, who founded Key of She three years ago with Pat Stearman of Pennington. "We are big fans of Jane, but had no idea she was a fan of ours."

"What a wonderful present in our stocking this year," said Ms. Stearman. "The timing couldn't be better for us, because our new CD, *In the Key of She*, is due for release in January."

Scheduled to appear with Key of She on the Pauley show are The Whiffenpoofs and Out of The Blue, both of Yale University; a male quintet, Rockapella, known for their five seasons on the PBS show *Where is Carmen Sandiego?*; and the 2003 international barbershop quartet champions, Power Play.

In 2002, Key of She was named the Audience Favorite and First Runner-Up at the New York regional competition of the Harmony Sweepstakes, considered the annual a cappella "Super Bowl." The singers opened for Ray Charles in May, 2002 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, and have also performed at The Conduit in Trenton, Odette's in New Hope, Philadelphia's Annual Paradigm Award Luncheon, and Princeton Friends School's annual Frolic. On New Year's Eve, they will again perform at Newtown, Pa.'s annual "First Night" celebration.

Key of She's second CD, *In the Key of She*, will consist of 12 cover songs plus the original song by Ms. Cronheim, a resident of Pennington.

In addition to Ms. Jaques, Ms. Stearman, and Ms. Cronheim, the group includes Lisa Ernst of Hightstown, Dyann Mazzeo of Lambertville, and Amy Raditz of Lambertville.

For more information about Key of She, call Ms. Jaques at (609) 466-2494 or visit keyofshe@aol.com.

HOLIDAY PARTY PERFORMER: Princeton folk singer and song writer Allison Moore will perform at the Princeton Arts Council's Community Holiday Party on Friday, December 17 at 8 p.m., hosted by the Knipper Charitable Foundation. The event will celebrate the release of the non-profit foundation's holiday album, recorded and produced by Princeton native Timothy Knipper, a 2001 Princeton High School graduate. Featuring Berklee School of Music students and members of the Boston and Princeton communities, the CD will be sold at the event to raise funds for the Boston foundation, which was created to enhance public school music programs.

Seminary Sing to Feature Carols of Many Nations

Princeton Theological Seminary will present a service of Carols of Many Nations on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the Seminary's Miller Chapel. The services will be led by students from the United States and abroad, and by members of the Seminary faculty and staff. Dr. Iain R. Torrance, president of the Seminary and a native of Scotland, will help lead the 8:30 p.m. service.

The services will be followed by caroling on the Seminary grounds. Admission is free.

The Seminary's Cantate Domino and Jubilate Deo Choirs, under the direction of Martin Tel, will sing carols from China, France, England, Taiwan, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Korea, Zambia, Spain, Canada, and the U.S., and will lead the congregation in singing Christmas carols.

For more information, call (609) 497-7890.

New Jersey Symphony To Perform at Richardson

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will kick off a statewide tour over the New Year's holiday weekend with a program of Viennese-styled music at Richardson Auditorium on Wednesday, December 29 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature waltzes by Johann Strauss and arias and overtures by Franz von Suppé, Franz Lehár, and other operetta composers.

The tour will also take the NJSO to bergenPAC in Englewood on Thursday, December 30 at 8 p.m.; the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank on Saturday, January 1 at 8 p.m.; and The Community Theatre in Morristown on Sunday, January 2 at 3 p.m.

Among the selections to be presented are von Suppe's *Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna*, Strauss's *Blue Danube Waltz*, and arias and duets from Strauss's *Gypsy Baron* and Lehar's *The Merry Widow* and *The Land of Smiles*.

Featured singers will be soprano Lyubov Petrova and tenor Gregory Turay. Julius Rudel will conduct.

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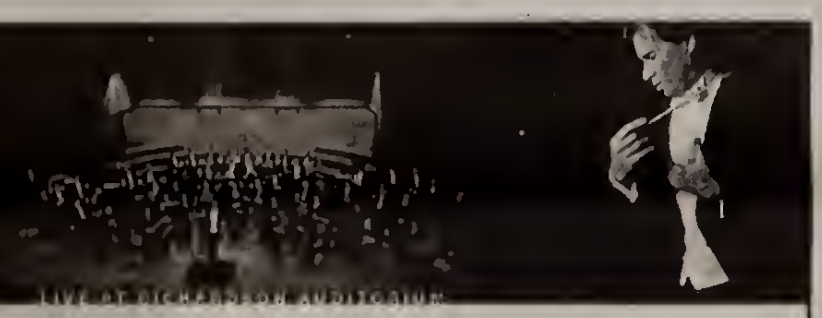

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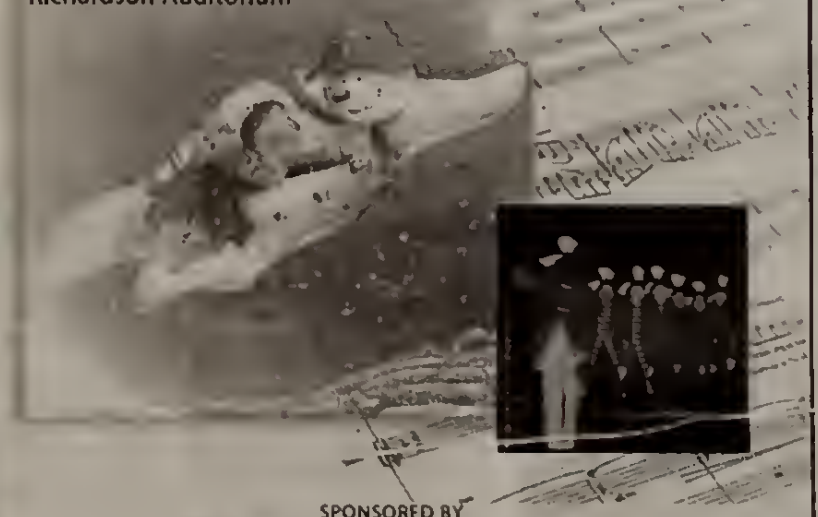

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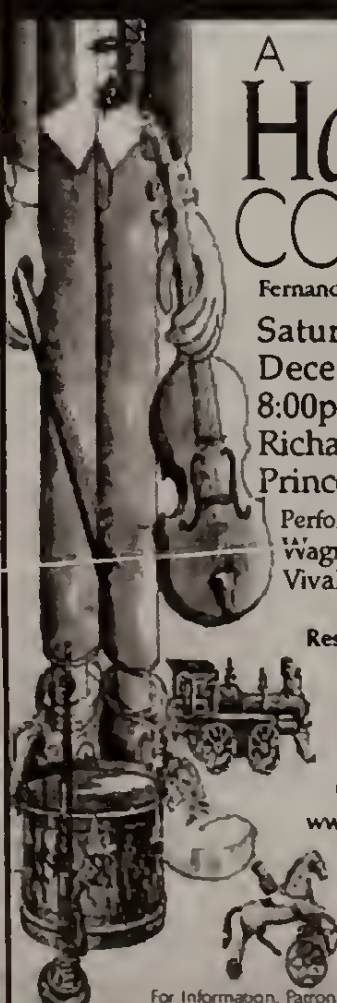

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"No Good Nigga Blues" Returns to MC3 Theatre

No Good Niggo Blues, an intimate look at what it is to be a black male in post-civil rights America, will open at Mercer County Community College's MC3 Studio Theatre this Friday, December 10 at 7 p.m. The play was first performed at MCCC in February, 2003, and was so well received that it is now returning from New York City for an encore performance.

According to MCCC Drama Program Coordinator Nick Anselmo, *No Good Nigga Blues* is "a dramatic and poetic testimony of life, love and perspective through the personal growth and transformation of three black men. It touches on many diverse and gripping topics — the pain of adolescence, being raised in a broken home, the support of traditional families, love, spirituality, and, perhaps most importantly, eradication of the N-word from the African-American vocabulary."

Directed by Monique Martin, the show will feature actor Mo Beasley, spoken word artist Jerome "J-Square" Jones, and novelist SékouWrites.

Mr. Beasley is known for two performance pieces, *UrbonErotiko* and *LoveSuites*. Mr. Jones is a co-owner of Scripted Linguistics Publishing. SékouWrites is the author of *When Butterflies Kiss*, and the producer of a monthly forum called *Block Men on Block Love*.

Ms. Martin produces and curates theater, spoken word, music, and dance events for Joe's Pub at the Public Theater, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Queens Theater in the Park, Aaron Davis Hall, and regional theaters across the country. She most recently directed *Roising Sugorcone* for the 2003 New York Hip Hop Theatre Festival.

Tickets are $5 at the door; proceeds will help fund the MCCC Drama Club.

For more information, call Mr. Anselmo at (609) 586-4800, ext. 3524.

The MC3 Studio Theatre is located in the Communications Building on MCCC's West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. Free parking is available near the theatre.

Off-Broadstreet Offers "A Bedfull of Foreigners"

A double-booked hotel room is the setting for a new comedy, *A Bedfull of Foreigners*, that will check in at Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theatre this Friday, December 10. The laughter, as always at the theater, will be served up with fresh desserts and hot coffee.

After hours of driving, Stanley and his wife Brenda have finally found a hotel vacancy, where they are escorted to their room by the hotel owner. Meanwhile a hotel repairman, temporarily minding the reservation desk, brings up another woman, Helga, to the same room, a room originally reserved for her husband Claude. But Claude's plans actually involve meeting a girlfriend, Simone, who had to cancel at the last moment. Complications ensue.

Off-Broadstreet Theatre artistic director Robert Thick will direct the comedy and play the role of the hotel repairman. His cast of OBT veterans includes Gary Van Lieu of Little Falls as Stanley, Lauren Brader of Hillsborough as Brenda, Tom Stevenson of Princeton as Claude, and Catherine Rowe of Somerset as Helga.

The comedy will run weekends through January 22. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings with dessert at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m.; and Sundays with dessert at 1:30 p.m. and show at 2:30 p.m.

Admission on Friday and Sunday is $23.75, Saturday $25.25. A senior citizen discount is available for Sunday matinees only, at $22. There will be no performances on December 24, 25, or 26.

For reservations or more information, call (609) 466-2766.

The Off-Broadstreet Theatre is located at 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell.

SCROOGE'S CHRISTMAS BONUS: That's one heavy bird Jason Rosenthal is delivering to Price Waldman during Sunday's dress rehearsal of McCarter's annual production of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. Also pictured, from left, are Danny Hallowell, Sheridan Gates, Susan Knight (rear), Eliot Schulte, and Ben Taub. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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Max The Cat Takes Hair-Raising Adventures In French and English

Criqueville Press recently published its second bilingual children's book, *Mox, A Griggstown Mystery*, or *Un Mystere de Griggstown*. Written by Mary Shaw, the book is written in both English and French, and illustrated by Sue Agin.

A sequel of sorts to the author and illustrator's previous work, *Pierre & Sophia* (Criqueville Press, 2000), *Max* is set in and around the historic hamlet of central New Jersey and seeks to celebrate the enchantment and beauty of the Delaware & Raritan Canal area. Like in the author's previous book, *Mox* takes a true story at its point of departure but evolves into a magical realm. Beginning with an account of odd events surrounding the long disappearance of a local tabby named Max, the story develops into a first-person narrative told by the cat.

Max reveals the true cause of his departure, describes his mishaps and adventures, and hints at some lessons learned along the way from strange encounters with creatures great and small. From the gossipy blue jay that tempts him to leave his backyard, to the giant wild cow who rescues him, all the animals leave their "mark," or paw print on Ms. Agin's intricately designed cover.

Pierre and Sophia, characters from Ms. Shaw's first children's book, also make a cameo appearance.

Several readings are planned for public schools in the area in the spring. The readings are generally in English accompanied by a slide show of Ms. Agin's illustrations and a brief French lesson from Ms. Shaw, who teaches French literature at Rutgers University.

The book is currently available at Micawber Books in Princeton, as well as the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick, and the Griggstown Farm Market. It can also be purchased online through Criqueville Press, at www.criquevillepress.com.

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'Night Tree' Celebration At Cotsen Library Dec. 17

The Cotsen Children's Library's annual "Night Tree" celebration is scheduled for Friday evening, December 17, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Named for the picture book by Eve Bunting, "Night Tree" is a seasonal event in which families are invited to decorate trees on the Princeton University campus with treats for the forest animals. The evening will begin inside the library with a talk about the winter diet of backyard and woodland animals by Pam Newitt of Nature By the Yard. Cotsen volunteers will read aloud stories, including *Night Tree*, that describe the special traditions some families have for feeding animals through the coldest months.

After the story reading, parents and children will string dried fruit "icicles," dip pine cones in suet and seeds, use cookie cutters to make bread ornaments, and create other edible offerings for the birds and other wild animals living in backyards or nearby woods. After that, families will walk together to a nearby wooded garden to decorate a tree with treats for hungry creatures, and then warm themselves with hot cocoa and cookies.

The "Night Tree" program is open free of charge to families with children ages 5 and older. Families are asked to pre-register before Wednesday, December 15, and to contribute one kind of food for the workshop, such as seeds, dried fruit, or berries.

The Cotsen Library is located inside the Firestone Library on the Princeton University campus.

Cool Girls to Hold Celebratory Reading

Princeton's Cool Women poets have been mentoring Cool Girls, gifted young women writers, at the YWCA over the fall semester. On Wednesday, December 15, the group will hold a Celebratory Reading in the Princeton YWCA's Bramwell House Living Room, at 6 p.m. Selected Cool Women will also perform, and the event is free and open to the public.

The purpose of the new poetry group for teens is to expand the Girls' abilities to critique, within the group and on their own, as well as to teach effective performance.

Meeting every other Wednesday in the spring term, Cool Girls will continue, beginning in January. New applicants are to send 10 poems by December 24, to Susan Kubota, at 59 Paul Robeson Place. YWCA membership will be required with acceptance, and scholarships are available.

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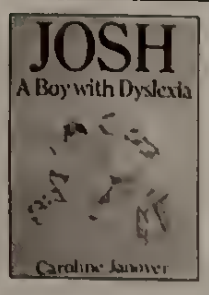

Caroline Janover, Nationally Reputed Author of Josh, A Boy with Dyslexia and other children's books on dyslexia and ADD. She has over 35 years teaching experience and lectures nationally on the importance of identifying and nurturing the "multiple intelligences" of children growing up with a learning difference.

Jamie Janover is a "self-taught master of improvisation." He is recognized as a true innovator on the hammered dulcimer (a percussion stringed instrument in the zither family, played with small sticks called hammers.) Jamie has played with bands like Phish and has appeared on more than 20 official commercial recording releases.

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The keynote speaker will be author, educator, and play write Caroline Janover. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, and received her Masters in special education from Boston University and Farleigh Dickinson University. With more than 35 years of teaching and diagnostic experience in both private and public education, Ms. Janover will discus the importance of humor, hope and perseverance in dealing with learning-different students.

Performing will be the Lewis School Children's Chorus, Harpist, Elaine Bejjani, the A-cappella Chorus, Koleinu, The Princeton University Nassoons, TigerLilies and Wildcats and singer songwriter Diane K. Shaljian. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Lewis School's scholarship and program fund.

The following morning, Saturday, December 11, the Lewis School is sponsoring a public lecture and book signing by Caroline Janover and her son, Jamie Janover. Ms. Janover is the author of several books about dyslexia and ADD. Jamie Janover and his mother will perform a play, based on the true story of Caroline Janover's struggles and triumphs as a learning-different person.

The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at Trinity Church, located at 33 Mercer Street in Princeton. For additional information on either events, call (609) 924-8120.

Morven Launches New Book At Signing and Open House

Morven: Memory, Myth & Reality, a large, lavishly illustrated book co-authored by Constance M. Greiff and Wanda S. Gunning, has been published by Historic Morven, Inc. The publication will be celebrated this Sunday with a holiday open house and book signing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be another signing and open house during the same time period on Wednesday, December 15.

A handsome and informative volume, *Morven: Memory, Myth & Reality* should benefit from the Christmas shopping season. The book includes photographs of celebrity visitors like John F. Kennedy and Fidel Castro and provides, thanks to recent investigations, the fullest picture yet of Morven's history.

Light refreshments will be served at the signing and open house. Admission is $5 per person, $4 for seniors (60 and older) and students. For more information visit www.morven.org or call (609) 924-8144.

Authors To Sign Book, "Nutcracker Backstage"

Authors of the Princeton Book Company's new ballet book, *The Nutcracker Backstoge*, are coming to Princeton on Saturday, December 11, from 2 to 4 p.m., for a book signing event at Giselle Dancewear, at 20 Nassau Street.

Come meet the authors, Angela Whitehill and William Noble, and read about the story of the Nutcracker ballet and the backstage work involved, from the audition process to the final production.

For more information, email pbc@dancehorizons.com.

FUN WITH FOLLIES: Littlebrook Elementary's third grade students visited the Princeton Writers Block in October. Prior to their visit, they learned about some of the authors featured in the exhibit, and how the follies were designed. Afterwards the students created their own follies on their favorite writers, including this folly on Judy Blume. Pictured are Ellie Boulding and Lukas May-Floor.

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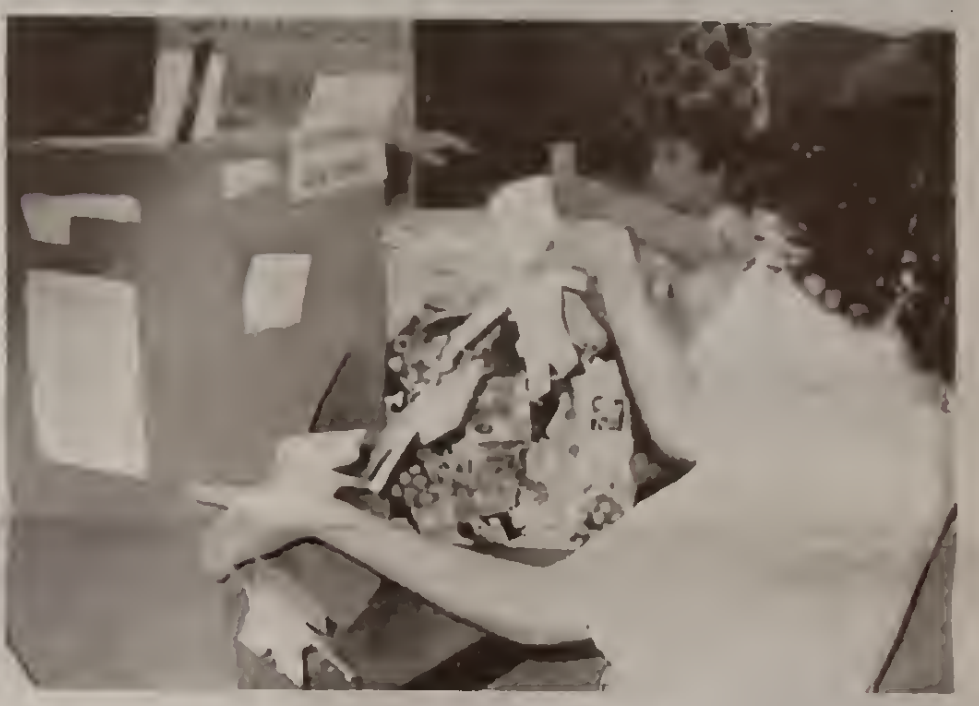

DAHL'S HOUSE: Sage Healy plays with the Roald Dahl folly that Littlebrook's third grade students created after visiting the Princeton Writers Block in October. Students chose their favorite authors to dedicate a folly to. (Photo by Bev Beer)

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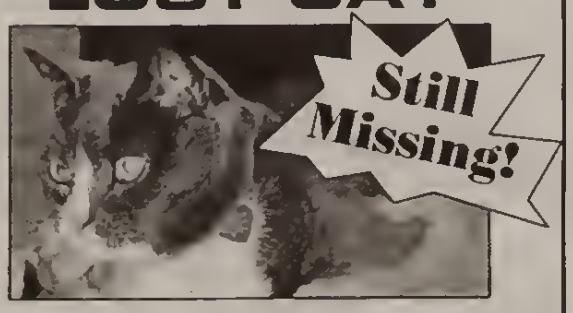

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The breakfast meeting will be at 9 a.m. at the I-HOP restaurant on Route 206 in Hillsborough. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

The hour-long canal walk will be followed by lunch. Participants will meet in the parking lot at the Winepress Restaurant in Kingston at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

The **Princeton Recorder Society** will meet on Tuesday, December 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Presbyterian Church. Social time will begin at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

The program is "Ensemble Night." There will be four informal groups, each with a coach.

For more information, visit www.PrincetonRecorder.org.

The **Princeton Ski Club** will meet on the first Tuesday of each winter month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, River Road, Kingston. The club's December 15 meeting will be a Christmas party featuring rock and roll music of the '50s and '60s. Period dress is optional. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share.

Adults interested in skiing, sailing, or other outdoor activities are welcome.

For more information, call (609) 497-1767 or visit www.princetonski.org.

"An Uneasy Nation of Immigrants: Admissions and Rights After 9/11" will be the topic of a presentation by Prof. Dan Tichenor at the Thursday, December 16 meeting of **55PLUS**. Prof. Tichenor will place current immigrant issues in an historical context, comparing immigration policies during earlier national security crises such as the First and Second World Wars with those of the present. He will also examine the role new immigrant voters played in this year's election.

Prof. Tichenor is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. His published work includes *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America*, for which he received the American Political Science Association's 2003 Gladys Kammerer Award for the best book on American politics.

The meeting will be held at the Jewish Center of Princeton, 435 Nassau Street, at 10 a.m.

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This week's featured game is a classic from the Lasker era. Emanuel Lasker reigned as World Chess Champion from 1894 to 1921. After attending Erlangen University in his pursuit of a mastery of mathematics, Lasker got his first major chess victory in London in 1892.

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Lasker studied hard for the next two years and then decided to go to the United States to challenge Wilhelm Steinitz for the World Championship. Although Lasker certainly won the championship handily against an aging Steinitz, there was some skepticism over whether Lasker really deserved the title.

The general sentiment was that Steinitz lost because of his old age; he was 58. Besides this fact, Lasker had never won any major tournaments; this made his claim as world champion less accepted.

Siegbert Tarrasch, the player with the best tournament record at that point, felt robbed of a title he believed he deserved. He requested the initiation of another position, "World Tournament Champion." When the deciding tournament was played in Hastings in 1895, an unknown American player, Harry Nelson Pillsbury came out of nowhere to win the tournament. Still unsatisfied, Tarrasch and the chess community called for another tournament in St. Petersburg. When Lasker emerged as clear winner, his title was secure. He certainly proved himself by defending it for the following 25 years.

—Chad Lieberman

Lasker, E. - Ettlinger, A.
New York, 1893

1.e4	e5
2.f4	Bc5
3.Nf3	d6
4.c3	Nc6
5.d4	exd4
6.cxd4	Bb6
7.Nc3	Bg4
8.Bb5	Bd7
9.0-0	Nce7
10.Bc4	Nh6
11.f5	Neg8
12.h3	Qe7
13.Nd5	Qf8
14.a4	c6
15.Nxb6	axb6
16.Qb3	b5
17.Bxh6	bxc4
18.Qxb7	Rd8
19.Bf4	h6
20.a5	Nf6
21.Rfe1	Nh5
22.Bh2	Qe7
23.e5	0-0
24.e6	fxe6
25.fxe6	Rxf3
26.exd7	Re3
27.Rxe3	Qxe3+
28.Kh1	Qe6
29.a6	Rxd7
30.Qxd7	Qxd7
31.a7	d5
32.a8Q+	Kh7
33.Be5	Qf5
34.Qxc6	Nf4
35.Bxf4	Black resigns

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1.Qxh7+ Nxh7
2.Ng6#

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Tiger Women's Soccer Stymied by UCLA As Magical Run Ends in NCAA Semifinals

Carved out of a forest of craggy pine trees, its perfectly manicured soccer field gleams like a green jewel when splashed in sunlight.

It is the SAS Soccer Center in Cary, N.C. and last Friday it was the promised land for the Princeton University women's soccer team which was there to play in the NCAA Final Four.

Upon arriving for their semifinal clash with UCLA, the Princeton players walked around the stadium wide-eyed, surveying the surroundings that greeted them as the first Ivy League women's team to make it to the summit of college women's soccer.

Princeton head coach Julie Shackford joked that the field in North Carolina was a world apart from the Tigers' charming but currently muddy home base at Lourie-Love Field.

> ***"Our hats were off to Princeton, they were a tremendous team with great attacking players ... They were one of the best teams we faced this year, we knew we had our work cut out for us."***

Hours later, though, the width of the smooth surface at the soccer center worked to Princeton's disadvantage as the swift Bruins dashed past the Tigers in taking a 2-0 win before an overflow crowd at the 7,000-seat venue.

In the wake of the defeat, a red-eyed Shackford praised the play of UCLA, which is coached by her longtime best friend Jillian Ellis.

"I think UCLA was definitely the better team today," said a subdued Shackford with a rueful grin. "They took care of a couple of our special players. They did a great job; I think they were just a little more athletic in certain places. I thought they double-teamed when it was appropriate. They did a nice job of winning first balls."

The fact that it was UCLA's third Final Four appearance in the last four seasons also ended up hurting Princeton. "We looked a little tight," admitted Shackford, whose team ended its magical season with a 19-3 record.

"I think it is a little bit about not having been in this environment before. I don't think that we did a good job of getting behind them. That has been our bread and butter all year long so that was a little disappointing."

It became clear early on that Princeton was going to have trouble solving a Bruin defense that entered the afternoon as the only team to have not given up a goal in this year's NCAA tournament.

The speedy, tough UCLA backline stymied Princeton's high powered attack with gifted strikers Esmeralda Negron and Emily Behncke having trouble getting touches let alone shots.

In the first half, UCLA outshot Princeton 5-0, nearly scoring on two runs into the box. Still, the Tigers almost took the lead as a Behncke flick on a feed from Janine Willis sailed just wide of the net with 1:30 remaining in the half.

Just 2:44 into the second half, the Bruins' pressure paid off as Danesha Adams rifled a shot past Princeton goalie Madeleine Jackson. A goal by Bristyn Davis 17 minutes later sealed Princeton's sad fate.

Princeton's star freshman midfielder Diana Matheson acknowledged that the Bruins had put the Tigers under intense pressure.

"Their defenders overall were very athletic," said Matheson, a first-team All-Ivy performer who was named as the league's Rookie of the Year. "I think that they did a good job of marking up against Es and Behncke. It was tough to get through."

UCLA coach Ellis, who first met Shackford in 1982 and went on to star with her at William and Mary, came away impressed with the challenge presented by Princeton.

"Our hats were off to Princeton, they were a tremendous team with great attacking players," said Ellis, whose team went on to fall to Notre Dame last Sunday in the national title game as it came up on the short end of a penalty kick shootout. "They were one of the best teams we faced this year, we knew we had our work cut out for us."

Shackford, for her part, was proud of the work put in by her team this fall. "Obviously we had a phenomenal season," said Shackford. "I think that our accomplishments this year can't be underestimated, particularly at a place like Princeton where academics come first and where there are no scholarships. This team fights the odds."

Senior tri-captain Brea Griffiths made it clear that she and her classmates had enjoyed bucking the odds in their improbable career-ending run.

"We've come leaps and bounds from when I was a freshman," said a red-faced Griffiths, an Academic All-Ivy selection this fall.

"Back in the day, the Ivy League was the big thing. Just getting to the tournament and maybe winning a couple of games was the real goal. This year, it was just expected for us to keep going as far as we could."

In Shackford's view, it was the team's senior class that propelled Princeton to the heights it ultimately reached.

"I just talked to the team and I said the senior class is the reason we are here," said Shackford, whose roster contained 10 seniors including such stars as two-time Ivy Player of the Year Negron, second-team All Ivy defender Elizabeth Pillon, Kristina Fontanez, and the Willis twins, Janine and Rochelle.

"They've grown so much in four years. Having not achieved as much as they wanted in their first three years, I really laud them for getting us here. Their inspiration, their work created the atmosphere for us to be successful this year. They never accepted anything less than 100 percent."

For Pillion, the satisfaction of having given that effort far outweighed the disappointment of Friday's result. "Despite the fact that we just lost, I feel that the season was amazing," asserted Pillion, an All-American in lacrosse who has gone to three Final Fours in the spring with that program.

"No matter what, I think we are always going to remember how much fun we had. Throughout the season, it all just seemed to click, the way we started to play together and the chemistry that we had."

And while Princeton's trip to its promised land ended in disappointment, there can be no doubt that the 2004 Tiger squad was indeed a rare gem.

—Bill Alden

CAGED: Princeton University star striker Esmeralda Negron, right, struggles to escape a UCLA defender last Friday in the Tigers' 2-0 loss to the Bruins in the NCAA semifinals. Princeton ended its magical season with a 19-3 mark as it became the first Ivy League team to make it the women's Final Four. Negron, the two-time Ivy League Player of the Year, ended her career as the all-time program leader in goals (47) and points (112).

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STEPPING UP: Princeton star senior defender Brea Griffiths, left, wins the ball in the Tigers' 2-0 win over Boston College in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament. Griffiths, a two-time team captain, utilized her toughness and leadership skills to help the Tigers become the first Ivy League team to reach the women's college soccer NCAA Final Four.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

WINNING SMILES: Princeton women's soccer senior tri-captain Brea Griffiths, right, and Tiger head coach Julie Shackford celebrate after Princeton's overtime win against Villanova in the second round of the NCAA tourney. Griffiths and the Tigers had a lot to smile about this fall as they set a program record for wins with a 19-3 final mark and became the first Ivy League team to advance to the women's college soccer national semifinals.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Utilizing Toughness, Leadership Skills, Griffiths Helped Spark Tigers to Final 4

When Brea Griffiths came to Princeton from Canada in the fall of 2001, she saw herself as someone destined to play a supporting role for the Tiger women's soccer team.

Griffiths' initial analysis, however, proved to be far from the mark as the powerful defender from Burlington, Ontario broke into the starting lineup as a freshman.

For the last two seasons, Griffiths has been front and center for the Tigers as a two-time team captain.

This fall, Griffiths' leadership played a major role as the Tigers stunned the soccer world by becoming the first Ivy League women's team to make it to the NCAA Final Four.

As she reflected on her career last week after the team's final practice at Lourie-Love Field, Griffiths marveled at how far she has come during her Princeton career.

"I had no expectations," said Griffiths, who first became interested in Princeton at the urging of former Tiger stars and fellow Canadians, Krista and Lynn Aris.

"I just wanted to mix in and not get noticed. When i came here, I thought alright you're just going to have to suck it up and sit on the bench for four years, have a great time, and meet all the girls."

Meeting four-time All-Ivy defender Heather Deerin helped Griffiths emerge as a force on Princeton's back line.

"Heather was the best player I've ever played with," recalled Griffiths, who started 71 of 73 games in her Princeton career which ended last Friday when the Tigers fell 2-0 to UCLA in the national semis. "She taught me everything. Honestly, if I hadn't had her there the first two years teaching me what to do, I would've been lost."

Upon Deerin's graduation, Griffiths struggled a bit as she took the reins of Princeton's back four. "I found I was still lost my junior year when Heather wasn't there," said Griffiths, a biology major who was an Academic All-Ivy selection this fall.

"Now I had to step up and lead this. I was always told where to go and I was like oh-oh, now I have to tell people where to go."

As Griffiths struggled to assume a leadership role, she was lucky to have her classmates to help pull her through.

"Starting as freshmen, we said to ourselves that we are going to make it through these four years together," added Griffiths, who was one of 10 seniors on the Tigers' roster this season.

"The classes before us had dwindled from like 12 down to six. I think we have been a good influence on the other classes. Our class integrates the other classes while classes before us tended to segregate. We actually became friends with people in the other classes. I think that has really helped to bring us together."

Princeton head coach Julie Shackford believes that Griffiths has had a good influence on the program, on and off the field.

"Brea is a tough, hard-nosed kid who doesn't like to lose any ball," said Shackford of her defender who was named as an honorable mention selection to the All-Ivy women's soccer team this season.

"She brings a physical presence, ability in the air, and a psychological dimension. Her feet have gotten better, she's much more confident stepping in on the ball. As a captain, she has been good at seeing the big picture and relating to all 28 players."

It didn't take long for Griffiths and her teammates to realize that they could make a larger impact in the big picture of college soccer.

"We realized four or five games into the season that we could really be a Final Four team," declared Griffiths, who had three career goals, all on headers off of corner kicks.

"A few of us were talking about it and we said we have the ability to go there. Before, our goal was to make it to the Sweet 16. We play so well together, we know where everyone is going to be."

With that special confidence, it is no wonder that Princeton went on its improbable tourney run.

"I feel like we played so well in the tournament, it was like we were possessed," said Griffiths.

"For the seniors, we wanted to put it all out on the field. We wanted to live in the moment and take everything to its fullest. These are the moments we are going to remember the rest of our lives. It's been a dream come true."

And in the process, Griffiths has created the kind of memories she could never have dreamed of when she first arrived at Princeton.

—Bill Alden

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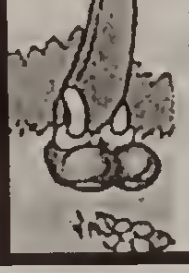

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END OF THE ROAD: Princeton senior midfielder Kristina Fontanez, right, battles a UCLA player for possession in the Tigers' 2-0 defeat last Friday in the NCAA Final Four. The loss ended a magical season which saw Princeton set a program-record for wins with a glittering 19-3 mark.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

TOUGH TO BEAR: Princeton University senior defender Rochelle Willis frowns as she deals with the disappointment of the Tigers' 2-0 loss to UCLA last Friday in the NCAA semifinals. The defeat to the Bruins left Princeton with a final record of 19-3.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

SHACK ATTACK: A glum Princeton women's soccer head coach Julie Shackford, left, and senior tri-captain Brea Griffiths face the media in the wake of the Tigers' 2-0 loss to UCLA last Friday in the NCAA Final Four.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Down on Tobacco Road: Images From Princeton's Trip to the Soccer Summit

As the first Ivy League wom- weekend, Princeton's players en's team to ever advance to were determined to extend the NCAA Final Four, the their magical run a bit further. Princeton University women's "I don't see the point of soccer team had already being just happy when you accomplished something spe- have put in all of this work cial when it arrived last week throughout the season," in Cary, North Carolina for its asserted senior tri-captain national semifinal matchup Brea Griffiths at a press con- with UCLA. ference prior to the clash against UCLA.

The Tigers, however, made "We have played four games it clear that they weren't now in the tournament and happy just to be included in each step of the way the goal the summit of women's col- is to get one step further. We lege soccer. Displaying the are happy to be here but there special competitiveness that is a drive to keep going and had spurred them to a 19-2 pushing ourselves." record coming into the

The Tigers had plenty of support in their effort as they drew a large crowd of parents, fans, and raucous student supporters for their special trip.

Spurred by their cheering, Princeton fought valiantly but could not overcome UCLA's athleticism and Final Four experience in falling 2-0 to the Bruins.

While the players greeted the defeat with bitter tears, the memories of their magic ride this fall will produce smiles for years to come.

—Bill Alden

LOVE FEST: Bringing their raucous support from Lourie-Love Field to the SAS Soccer Center in Cary, North Carolina, a throng of Princeton student fans cheers on the Tiger women's soccer team in the NCAA semifinals last Friday.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton Men's Hoops Home at Last As It Looks Forward to Hosting Rutgers

Starting this season with five road games, the Princeton University men's basketball team has undergone a baptism of fire.

While struggling to find an offensive rhythm, the Tigers have utilized a stingy defense to come out of that stretch with a 3-2 record.

With Princeton preparing for its first game in the friendly confines of Jadwin Gym, a clash with focal rival Rutgers this Wednesday, first-year Tiger head coach Joe Scott believes his team benefitted from the challenges it faced on the road.

"We're in good shape," said Scott, whose club brings a two-game winning streak into the showdown with the 2-2 Scarlet Knights after having edged Holy Cross 56-53 on December 1.

"Our defense is way ahead of our offense. It should be, because that is what we have been emphasizing. It will have to balance itself out."

In Scott's view, the win over Holy Cross represented a step forward. "The Holy Cross game was important," maintained Scott, whose club is third in the nation in both scoring defense (51.8 points per game) and field-goal percentage defense (37.0 percent).

"It was good for us to put together back-to-back defensive efforts. We held them to 38 points in the first 36 minutes. You build a foundation with your defense, then zero in on the offense."

In the win over the Crusaders, Princeton built a 48-38 lead with 4:39 left only to see the lead dwindle to 54-53 with six seconds remaining. Scott Greenman then hit two free throws for Princeton, leaving him with a career-high 17 points and the margin of victory for the Tigers.

Scott acknowledged that Princeton made things hard on themselves down the stretch. "We had two defensive lapses, we gave them two three-pointers," recalled Scott, who got a season-high 14 points from Judson Wallace in the win over Holy Cross. "We've been working on eliminating mental mistakes. If you want to be good, you have to be great on defense."

The Tigers will have to eliminate mental mistakes in order to overcome Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights edged Princeton 51-49 last year and have won five straight in the series, the longest streak by either team in the local matchup since Rutgers won five straight from 1973-76.

"They have two good perimeter guys," said Scott referring to Rutgers sharpshooters Quincy Douby and Ricky Shields. "They are young and we are young. They play man defense and a 1-2-2 zone. We have to be better on offense."

Princeton faces an additional obstacle in the matchup with Rutgers as it will be without sophomore star Luke Owings, who is out indefinitely due to a stress fracture in his foot.

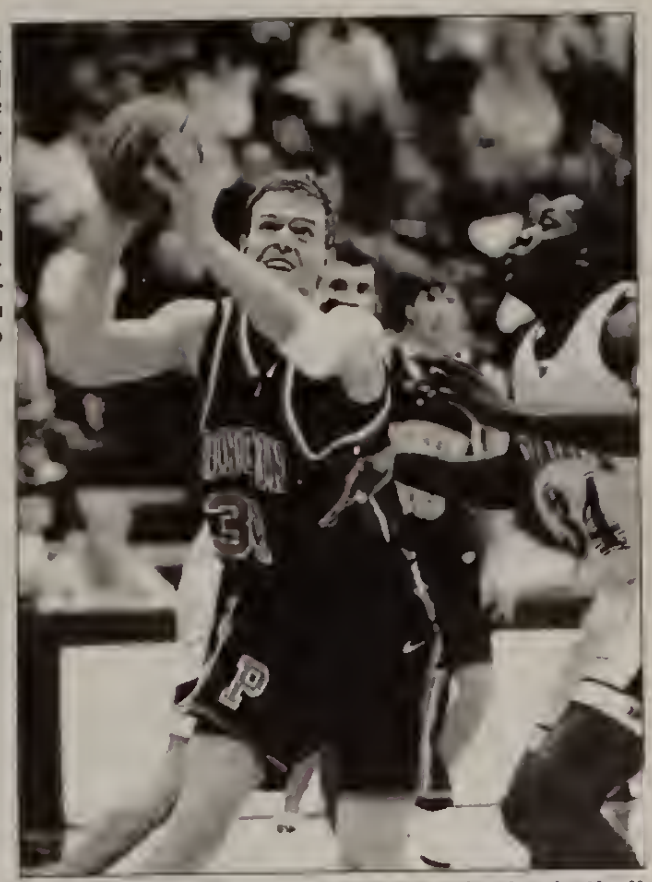
"We're thin, that's good and bad," acknowledged Scott, whose club has been without senior forward Andre Logan all season due to a knee injury. "We start two freshmen in [Noah] Savage and [Matt] Sargeant, those guys are getting a lot of minutes. That will help us down the road. I'm not sure if it is the best thing for beating Rutgers. We have to figure out a way to beat them."

The Tigers will hit the court inspired to snap Rutgers' recent advantage in the series. "It's a good rivalry," asserted Scott, a Jersey Shore native and Princeton graduate. "The guys know how important the game is. They know what has happened the last few years."

It is also important for the Tigers to get off on the right foot in their home schedule. "A main goal is to be very, very good at home," asserted Scott, whose team hits the road again on December 12 when it plays at Monmouth. "We want to be undefeated at home, that's the goal. That is the first step to being really good."

The Tigers will take a major step in that direction if they beat Rutgers.

—Bill Alden



ROAD WARRIOR: Princeton men's basketball senior center Judson Wallace powers to the basket in Princeton's recent 40-38 win at Lafayette. Playing its first five games on the road, Princeton is off to a 3-2 start. This Wednesday, the Tigers host 2-2 Rutgers in their Jadwin Gym home opener. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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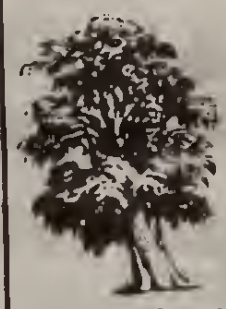
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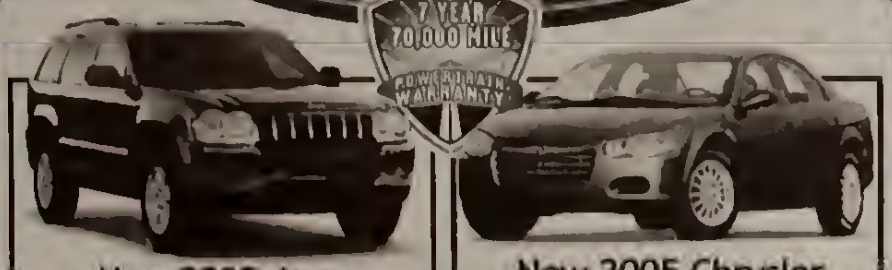

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Tiger Men's Water Polo Falls in NCAA Semis

The Princeton University men's water polo game came within an eyelash of a stunning upset as it fell 7-5 to UCLA last Saturday in the NCAA semifinals.

Princeton junior star John Stover fired in a goal with 45 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime against UCLA. The Bruins scored two goals in the second overtime to end Princeton's valiant bid.

In assessing the defeat, Tiger head coach Luis Nicolao asserted that his team had struck a blow for East Coast water polo. "We're obviously disappointed," said Nicolao. "It was one of those bittersweet games. We couldn't have asked more of our guys. We're proud of our guys. We played great. We're always battling for respect. We feel strongly that we have some good water polo back East. We're always looking to make a name for ourselves. We do a good job of playing defense, and letting our goalie know where the ball was coming from."

A day later, UCLA went on to edge Stanford 10-9 to win the national title. Princeton also played on Sunday as it fell 6-5 to Loyola Marymount in the third-place game of the NCAA tournament.

The Tigers finished with a 25-6 record, thereby setting a new single-season win record for the program

Princeton Squash Teams Both Win at Brown

The Princeton University squash teams had a productive foray to Rhode Island last weekend as they both beat Brown

The Tigers women's team got 3-0 wins from its No. 2 through No. 9 players to earn an 8-1 win at Brown Saturday. The win improved Princeton to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Ivy League.

As for the men, another strong performance by freshman Robert Hong helped push Princeton to a 7-2 victory Saturday at Brown. It was the Tigers' second win of the week and first in league play.

Following a season-opening loss to Cornell, Princeton rebounded to defeat Franklin & Marshall Wednesday and then Brown on Saturday. For the second straight match, Hong filled in for Yasser El Halaby at the No. 1 spot and earned a win.

The Tigers will be idle until the Alumni Match on January 8. Princeton's next Ivy League match will be January 26 at home against Penn.

Princeton Indoor Track Gets Off to Good Start

Competing in its first meet on the new indoor track at Jadwin Gym, Princeton's track and field athletes turned in several fine performances last Sunday at the program's annual New Year Invitational.

On the men's side, Ray Lenihan won the 60-meter hurdles while the Tigers cruised to an easy win in the 4 X 400 meter relay. Mike Weishuhn won the high jump while Kyle Whitaker took first in the pole vault.

The Tiger women got big performances from Caitlin Tormey, the winner in the mile run, and Brooke Minor, who took first in the high jump.

Tiger Women's Hoops Cruises Past Wagner

A stellar effort by Katy O'Brien off the bench sparked the Princeton University women's basketball team to a 63-53 win at Wagner last Wednesday.

O'Brien scored a game-high 18 points on six 3-pointers while Meghan Cowher added 15 points and Ali Smith chipped in 15. The win was Princeton's first road victory since a win against Samford on November 29, 2003.

The Tigers, now 2-3, play at Rutgers on December 8 before hosting St. Mary's on December 14.

Princeton Men's Hockey Falls 5-3 to Cornell

A balanced attack was not enough as the Princeton University men's ice hockey team lost 5-3 to Cornell last Saturday in Ithaca, N.Y.

The Tigers got a goal apiece from Dustin Sproat, Jesse Masear, and Landis Stankievech but couldn't overcome a 4-2 deficit in falling to the Big Red

Princeton, now 4-7-1 overall and 4-6 in ECAC Hockey League action, plays a two-game series at Merrimack on December 10-11.

Princeton Swimmers Excel at Invitational

The Princeton University men's and women's swimming teams both produced victories at the Princeton Invitational last weekend.

The Tiger men dominated as they scored 1181 points, easily out pacing second-place Rutgers' total of 617.5 points in the 11-school field. Individual winners for Princeton included David Ashley in the 1650 freestyle, Mike Zee in the 200 backstroke and Ryan Rimmele in the 200 butterfly.

Princeton's women had a tougher time in the team standings as they edged Rutgers 909-779 for the title in the 12-team field. Wins by Stephanie Hsiao in the 100 free and Megan Littlefield in the three-meter diving competition helped the Tigers earn their first-place finish.

Princeton's swimmers are idle until their meet on January 23 at Dartmouth.

RED LETTER DAY: Princeton University sophomore star Liz Keady, right, controls the puck in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, Keady had a goal and an assist to help Princeton top Cornell 2-0. Tiger goalie Roxanne Gaudiel made 15 saves in the win over the Big Red as she earned her third straight shutout and her fourth of the season. Princeton, now 7-4-2 overall and 3-3-1 in ECAC Hockey League action, plays at Northeastern on December 11 and at Boston College on December 12. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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FALL REVIEW

Stuart Field Hockey's Blazewski, Hun Football's Rolle Get the Nod as Town Topics' Top Fall Performers

Taylor Blazewski didn't waste any time showing that she was going to be a leader this fall for the Stuart Country Day field hockey team.

In the Tartans' season opener against Princeton Day School, the strong, speedy forward scored the team's only goal in a 1-0 win. Then in the waning moments, she fought through the pain of leg cramps to stay on the field to help Stuart hold off the Panthers.

For the rest of this fall, Blazewski caused Stuart's foes plenty of pain. The senior led the Tartans in goals with 16. In addition, realizing that she needed to hone her passing skills to help the Tartans reach their potential, Blazewski also led the team in assists with 12.

With Blazewski emerging as such a force up front, Stuart broke a school record for wins as it finished 17-3. In the process, the Tartans won the state Prep B title and made it to the Mercer County Tournament championship game where they fought valiantly in losing to powerful Allentown.

Blazewski knew how much her teammates were counting on her. "I'm one of five seniors and I'm a captain so I feel like I have to step it up and lead everyone on the field," said Blazewski, who also stars for Stuart's ice hockey and lacrosse teams.

Stuart head coach Missy Bruvik appreciated what Blazewski meant to the Tartans this fall. "Taylor has been our top player," asserted Bruvik after a late-season triumph. "She is stepping up as a senior. She is finishing and making things happen for everyone else."

Blazewski's dominance up front and her special brand of leadership makes her the choice as the Town Topics' top female performer of the fall season.

Top Male Performer

When Myron Rolle transferred to the Hun School this fall from Peddie, the move drew attention far beyond Mercer County.

Before the 6'3, 210-pound running back walked in the door at Hun, he had already earned a reputation as one of the top college football prospects in the country.

The gifted junior star lived up to his rave advance notice this fall for the Raiders as he rushed for a school-record 1,501 yards to help lead Hun to an 8-1 record and the program's first-ever Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) championship. The prolific Rolle averaged more than 10 yards a carry and scored 17 touchdowns.

Unbelievably, Rolle may have had even more impact on defense than offense as the Hun coaches shrewdly shifted him between the linebacker and defensive back positions to disrupt opponents' offenses. Rolle recorded a sack and four interceptions on that side of the ball.

Hun coach Dave Dudeck was more impressed by Rolle's team-first attitude in helping Hun to the MAPL crown than his many gifts on the field. "Myron is so very talented," said Dudeck. "Myron was more into the team than his individual accomplishments. It was his first championship and that's what he wanted."

For getting the most out of his talents to help lead Hun to a championship, Rolle earns the nod as the Town Topics' top male performer of the fall season.

Top Newcomers

Coming into this fall having lost nine seniors to graduation, the Princeton High girls' soccer team was searching for someone to give it a lift up front.

While PHS head coach Greg Hand knew that senior Zoe Sarnak would run the offense in the midfield, he wasn't sure who would emerge as a second option.

Just weeks into the season, it became clear that freshman Olivia Johnston had the skills and mentality to be a force. Using her speed and booming left foot, Johnston caught fire to help PHS make the state playoffs.

Hand acknowledged what a factor Johnston became as the season unfolded. "Olivia found a way to be productive at any position," explained Hand. "We started her up top and then moved her to the midfield to take advantage of her speed and left foot."

While PHS made an early exit in the playoffs, Johnston's six goals and two assists portend a big future for her and the Little Tigers.

Johnston's heroics as a finisher for PHS fall make her the choice as the Town Topics' top female newcomer of the fall season.

Princeton Day School football coach Bruce Devlin knew it would be a gamble but he realized in the preseason that he had to turn the keys of the team's offense over to freshman quarterback Clint O'Brien.

The reaction of the PDS veterans to the bold move told Devlin that he made the right call. "He's like a senior in the huddle," said Devlin in assessing O'Brien's leadership. "The kids have really taken a liking to him; they want him to lead the team."

While O'Brien made his share of mistakes as he adjusted to the pressure of moving up to a higher level and running the team's offense, he was able to keep his cool. O'Brien ended up passing for five touchdowns and rushing for eight touchdowns.

With O'Brien gaining confidence at the controls, PDS went 4-4 on the season, a two-fold improvement on the 2-7 record posted by the program in 2003.

Devlin, for his part, sees a bright future for his 6'2, 180-pound signal caller. "I knew Clint had great athletic ability and great size," said Devlin, noting that O'Brien plays baseball and basketball. "Pressure doesn't bother him. He has made some mistakes but we have talked them out on the sideline. I think Clint has a big future. He's a competitor and he's poised."

O'Brien's poise and rapid development earn him the nod as the Town Topics' top male newcomer of the fall season.

Top Coaches

Missy Bruvik has coached a lot of outstanding teams in her 19 years guiding the Stuart Country Day field hockey program but she never had a squad quite like her 2004 edition.

Showing a consistency from day one, the Tartans broke the school record for wins in a season as they rolled to a 17-3 final mark. Along the way, Stuart won the state Prep B title and made it to the Mercer County Tournament championship game where it fell to formidable Allentown.

The Tartans reeled off eight straight shutouts during October, led by the outstanding play of junior goalie Christa Goeke. Stuart was no slouch on offense as it tallied 51 goals this fall, paced by Taylor Blazewski with 16 and Kelly Bruvik with 15.

In the wake of Stuart's 3-1 win over Morristown-Beard in the Prep B championship game, Bruvik explained her team's special qualities. "They never talked about their record," asserted Bruvik. "It was never about any kind of bragging rights for anyone. It was everybody on track; it was a team effort."

While the self-effacing Bruvik would never say it, her team's special focus this fall was a direct result of the cool intensity and strategic acumen displayed by its coach.

For utilizing her intensity and vast knowledge of the game to produce one of the greatest teams in program history, Bruvik is the choice as the top coach among female teams this fall.

When Steve Everette arrived in 2002 to take over the Princeton High football program, he didn't appear to be making a wise career move.

The Little Tigers had last made the state playoffs in 1994 and three head coaches had come and gone in the intervening seven years. PHS posted a 2-28 mark in the three seasons before Everette took the helm and had last won a game on the field in 2000.

The upbeat Everette knew what he was facing. "I told John Curtis [the former athletic director] when I took the job that I would need five years to win five games," recalled Everette.

Everette's ebullient personality gave the program a jolt as it broke through with a win over Hightstown in his debut season and then doubled its win total in 2003.

Coming into this fall, though, PHS was still regarded as a pushover by many in local high school football circles. The Little Tigers showed that they were ready to battle anyone as they got off to a 2-0 start with a 41-12 win over Allentown and a 20-14 overtime win against WW/P-S.

PHS headed into the Halloween weekend with a 4-2 record and a legitimate shot at a state playoff berth. While the Little Tigers came up short, they ended up with a S-S record and a new reputation as a team that couldn't be messed with.

For senior running back/linebacker Mike Vieten, it was the arrival of Everette that turned the tide for the program. "I remember as a freshman we had no wins and a bad attitude," said Vieten after PHS' dramatic 34-33 overtime win against Holmdel in an NJSIAA consolation game in early November. "I think that as soon as Coach Everette came, our attitudes changed. It's all about attitude; our attitudes have been so great the last two years."

Everette's patience and enthusiasm in dramatically reversing the fortunes of the PHS football program earn him the nod as the top coach among male teams this fall.

—Bill Alden

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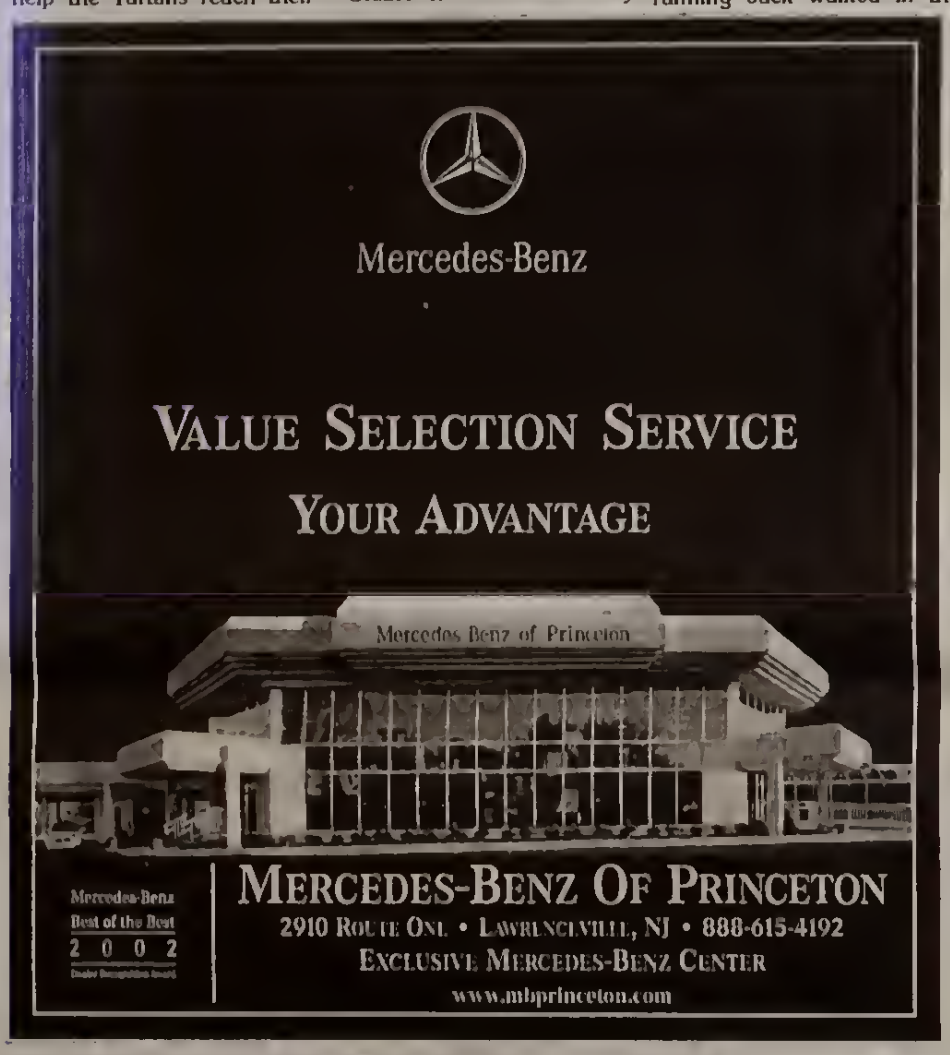

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Hun Girls' Hoops Takes Stuart Title But Needs to Show More Intensity

Bill Holup expects a lot out of his Hun School girls' basketball team this winter.

On paper, the Raiders have the talent and experience to battle for the state Prep A title.

So when Hun didn't bring its 'A-game' last Thursday in cruising past Stuart 72-39 in the championship game of Stuart's annual Tip-Off Tournament, Holup wasn't impressed by the final margin of victory.

"I think we went through the motions tonight," said a grim-faced Holup, who is in his sixth year guiding the Hun girls' program.

"We can't think that we can do that throughout the season. We can't think that we can just turn it on and off whenever we want. That's just not going to happen."

Hun senior stalwart Jill Fonseca seconded Holup's assessment. "We didn't come ready to play tonight," acknowledged Fonseca, who spearheaded Hun's pressing defense against Stuart and contributed three points.

"We weren't there mentally tonight. We have the talent; we have a strong team. It's just the mental aspect that has to come together."

In Holup's view, the team's failure to focus was reflected in squandered opportunities in the paint. "We just missed way too many lay-ups," said Holup, whose team routed Abington Friends 58-36 on Wednesday to advance to the event's title game.

"We were trying to get the ball inside and we were getting shots inside. They have to do a better job of taking it up strong."

Holup knows that his club can't afford to leave it to later when it gets into the thick of its schedule. "We have to make sure we are mentally prepared," maintained Holup, whose club improved to 3-0 by topping Lower Moreland 58-37 last Friday.

"We have to play better at the beginning of the game and not wait until the second half. It took us a while before we started playing our game."

Holup asserted that even his senior star Shantee Darrian, who scored 25 points in the title game, was guilty of getting out of the gate slowly.

"Shantee started out a little slow tonight," said Holup of his gifted 6'0 standout who was named to the All-Tournament team at the Stuart tourney. "She hit some nice shots. She needs to be sure she is focused right from the start."

Hun did get focused efforts from junior Mary Stinson and precocious freshman Emily Gratch. "Mary came out strong in both games, she hit a lot of lay-ups," said Holup of the 6'0 forward who made the All-Tournament team as she scored a total of 33 points. "She made a lot of lay-ups for us. I think Emily gave us a terrific spark off the bench."

Fonseca, for her part, is looking to spark the Raiders through her focus on defense. "I don't really score that much," said a smiling Fonseca, who also stars for Hun's soccer and softball teams. "I love playing defense; I'm always put on the other team's best player. I'm a defensive player in every sport I play."

The gritty senior believes that she and her teammates will have Hun's foes on the defensive this season. "We have a very strong team," asserted Fonseca, who will be looking to help Hun on the winning track as it hosts Pennsbury High on December 11.

"We have a lot of potential. This is the second year our starting lineup has played together so we're used to each other. We know how each other play. If we come to play together on a certain day, we can be very good."

Good enough to hopefully meet their coach's high expectations.

—Bill Alden

FLYING START: Hun School senior star Shantee Darrian flies in for a basket in her 25-point performance in the Raiders' 72-39 win over Stuart last Thursday in the the title game of Stuart's Tip-Off Tournament. Hun, which is off to a 3-0 start, hosts Pennsbury High on December 11. *(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)*

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Hun Boys' Hockey Primed for Encore But Knows It Will Be Under Pressure

Last winter, the Hun School boys' ice hockey team snuck up on a lot of its foes.

Coming off a three-win season, the Raiders staged a spirited revival in 2003-04 as they went 12-5-1 and won the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) in the process.

With Hun starting the 2004-05 season with two games this week, Raider head coach Francois Bourbeau knows his team faces a tough task in matching last year's achievements.

"Everyone is aiming at us, it's going to be much tougher for us," said Bourbeau, whose team hosts LaSalle on December 8 before playing at seven-time Prep B champion Princeton Day School on December 10.

"We can still be successful; we just need to work harder. We have more pressure than last year because no one knew us then. I think the kids are working toward the same goal."

The continued improvement of junior Ben Wirjosemito at goalie will be a pivotal factor in Hun's drive to approach the success of last winter.

"I've been pretty happy with him," said Bourbeau of his star netminder. "When he's on a hot streak, he is really tough. He has changed his style a little bit, he's going more butterfly now. He's been working hard, Ben always gives me everything he's got."

A question mark for Hun will be the play of its defensive corps in front of Wirjosemito. "We need to develop our defense," acknowledged Bourbeau, who is looking for seniors Colin Ryan and Andrew Starr to provide some leadership along the blue line. "A main key will be for us to get our defensive unit playing well."

Bourbeau will also using senior Jonathan Begg and sophomores Andrew Godfrey and Tray Geier on defense.

Up front, Hun should have plenty of punch. "Matt Torstrup and Drew Mervin are looking good," said Bourbeau, referring to his two star seniors. "Our forechecking should be a strength. I think our offense will be good."

Others who will see ice time on offense for Hun seniors Jeff Fisher and Justin Schleifer, junior Brendan Ryan, sophomores Jon Del Rossi, Joseph Deane, A.J. Blackburn, and Mike Williams together with freshmen Peter Plumeri and Robert Hackett.

Bourbeau won't have to wait long to get a sense of how his team will bear up under the increased pressure it will face this winter.

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"Our first two games are huge challenges," declared Bourbeau, who is in his third year coaching the Raiders.

"If we come out ahead, it will be a really good sign. These games are going to tell me a lot. I will see how much they want it and how good we can be."

In Bourbeau's view, last winter's experience has his players believing in their ability to succeed once again. "I think they are more confident," asserted Bourbeau. "They know me and they know each other. The chemistry is already good and that's big plus."

—Bill Alden

BIG BEN: Hun School goalie Ben Wirjosemito prepares to make a save in action last winter. Wirjosemito's continued improvement will be a major factor as the Raiders look to build on the success of last winter when they went 12-5-1 and won the Mercer County Tournament. Hun gets its 2004-05 campaign underway when it hosts LaSalle on December 8 and then plays at seven-time Prep B champion Princeton Day School on December 10.

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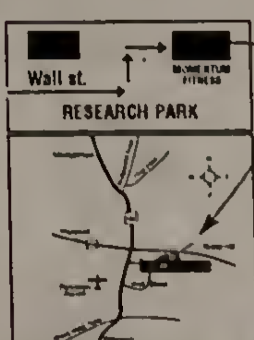

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Stuart Hoops Falls in Tip-Off Event But Its Hustle Bodes Well for Future

Tony Bowman learned an important lesson last Thursday as his Stuart Country Day basketball team absorbed a lopsided loss to Hun School in the championship game of Stuart's Tip-Off Tournament.

With Bowman's team trailing by 20 points or more for most of the second half, the Tartans coufd have gone through the motions and just played out the string.

Instead, Stuart's players dove to the floor for loose balls, crashed the boards to fight the taller Raiders for each rebound, and played hard defense to the bitter end.

Even though his team ended up on the short end of a 72-39 decision, Stuart head coach Bowman liked the commitment demonstrated by his charges.

"They play hard, they do everything I ask," said Bowman, whose club topped Princeton Day School 48-29 on Wednesday to reach the title game of the annual event.

"They are down by 20 and they're still killing themselves. You can't ask for any more. We scrapped, we hustled. I learned that my kids have a lot of heart."

The Tartans' aggressiveness caught the eye ol Hun head coach Bifl Holup. "I glve Stuart a lot of credit, they outhustled us," said Holup. "They were more aggressive than we were."

Bowman, for his part, acknowledged that his squad needs some better execution to go with its hustfe.

"For us to win, we need to run our offense," said Bowman, who is in hls second year at the helm of the Stuart program after leading the Tartans to the state Prep B semis in his debut season. "We need to keep the ball a lot longer in our hands than in our opponent's hands."

Bowman likes it when the ball is in the hands of either his junior star Kathryn Kitts or rapidly-improving sophomore Kelly Bruvik. Kitts fed the Tartans in scoring with a total of 28 points in the tournament while Bruvik chipped in 24.

"Kathryn and Kelly stood out, they both played really well," said Bowman of his two standouts who were both named to the event's All-Tournament team.

"This is their second year with me. They know the program. We've got some new kids coming in here and they are training and helping them. They put it out and they do the job."

Bowman was also happy with jobs turned in by senior point guard Adie Sullivan and sophomore forward Taj Pannell.

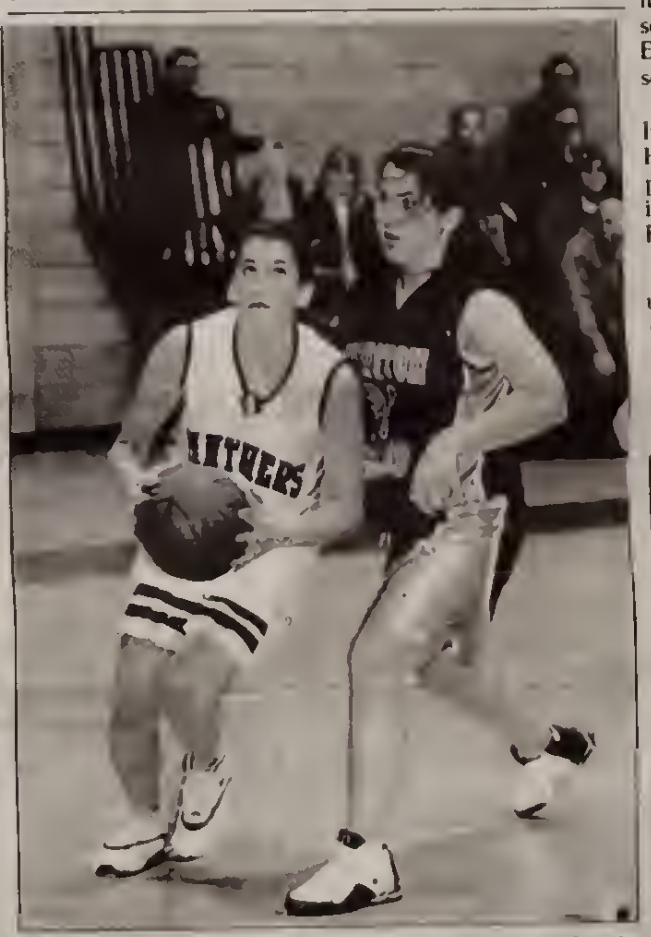
"Sullivan did real well, she is my starting senior," asserted Bowman, who got 1S points from Sullivan in the tourney.

"Taj had some good moves. She was boxing out better in the second half which helped us out a lot. She played very tough. She has made a major improvement from last year to this year."

In Bowman's view, the spirit his team showed last Thursday will lead to plenty of improvement this winter. "Thls is our second game, we hadn't had any scrimmages," said Bowman, whose team hosts Saddle River on December 10 before playing at Rutgers Prep on December 11. "I'lf take it. The kids play hard for me and they don't give up. That will pay off in the end."

—Bill Alden

FIGHTING CHANCE: Stuart Country Day sophomore guard Kelly Bruvik dribbles past a Hun defender in the Tartans' 72-39 loss to the Raiders last Thursday in the championship game of Stuart's Tip-Off Tournament. Bruvik scored a team-high 14 points in the defeat as the Tartans fought hard to the end in dropping to 1-1. In upcoming action, Stuart hosts Saddle River on December 10 before playing at Rutgers Prep on December 11. *(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)*



MAKING HER POINT: Princeton Day School freshman point guard Hannah Epstein drives to the basket in PDS' 50-25 loss to Abington Friends last Thursday in the consolation game at the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament. Epstein scored a total of 14 points in her first two high school games. In upcoming action, PDS, now 0-2, hosts Pennington on December 9, St. Andrews on December 11, and Purnell on December 13. *(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)*

PDS Girls' Hoops Needs Consistency In Order to Hasten Its Improvement

Misfiring on offense, the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team got off to slow starts in each ol its outings last week at the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament.

In the Panthers' season opener against host Stuart last Wednesday, PDS fell behind 32-7 at the half on the way to a 48-29 loss.

A night later, the Panthers dug themselves a 22-6 hole at the break against Abington Friends before succumbing 50-2S in the consolation contest.

As PDS head coach Sue Repko reflected on her team's first action of the season, she acknowledged that her club needs to develop an offensive consistency.

"Offensively, we need to put together two halves," said Repku, whose team had good moments offensively in the second half of both games at the Stuart event. "Generally we're not going to win many games if we score 25-30 points. We need to get that up higher."

Repko uses the Stuart tournament as an annual early-season barometer. "We always come out of this saying where are we at right now," explained Repko. "We hadn't had a scrimmage before this so we hadn't been tested. Everybody got to play. We did some good things."

PDS got some good things lrom lreshman point guard Hannah Epstein, who had five points In the opener and nine in the loss to Abington Friends.

"I thought Hannah showed us something," said Repko. "Today she had nine points after getting five yesterday. I think she is finding a rhythm."

The Panthers afso got some good work out of sophomore forward Keely Langdon. "Keely is getting more confident by the minute," said Repko of the athletic sophomore who had five points in the defeat to Abington Friends.

"We have to get her and the other sophomores more shots. They weren't offensive-minded as freshmen and they are only going to get better with experience."

Repko's most experienced player, junior guard Ellen Cook, displayed some steady play as she scored a total of 11 points in the Stuart tourney.

"As a junior, she is one of our tri-captains," said Repko. "She has the most experience on the team. She definitely has a calming influence on the team. She is taking more charge."

Repko is confident her team will be taking charge more and more as the season unfolds. "We just have to keep working hard," said Repko, whose squad has home games against Pennington on December 9, St. Andrews on December 11, and Purnell on December 13.

"We'll be working on shooting; we'll be working on catching the ball and looking to the basket. We'll just be getting more and more out of these kids. We're going to be a totally different team by the end of the season."

—Bill Alden

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PHS Boys' Hockey Drops Opener But Still Poised for Big Season

Paul Merrow was fired up to see his Princeton High boys' ice hockey team hit the ice last Wednesday for the season opener against rival WW/P-S.

With a blend of talented sophomores and some battle-hardened seniors, the Little Tigers appear to have the kind of squad that could make some noise this winter.

But within minutes of the puck being dropped at the Mercer County Park rink, PHS head coach Merrow realized that his team didn't seem to share his excitement over the season opener.

PHS surrendered two goals to fall behind 2-0 after the first period. The Little Tigers showed some fire as Jon Lauri and Sam Finnell scored to even the game at 2-2 with 10 minutes left in the second period. The Pirates, however, outscored PHS 4-1 over the next 23 minutes on their way to a 6-4 win over the Little Tigers.

Merrow frowned as he assessed his club's opening night performance. "You would think in the first game that they would be intense and flying around," said Merrow, who also got goals from freshman Jonathan Naylor and sophomore Christian McCracken in the loss.

"I thought the intensity would be at a higher level than it was. We were sleep-walking halfway through that game. We might have had our intensity level for 15 minutes out of 45 minutes. I was surprised. I would have thought it would have been the other way around."

The coach's chief concern was with his team's defensive lapses. "I think our zone coverage needs some work," explained Merrow. "We have to forecheck better."

While Merrow was disappointed by what he saw last Wednesday, he acknowledged that the team was facing some obstacles coming into the opener.

"I don't want to use the crutch of injuries but we had had some guys out," said Merrow, who was without sophomore John Ryan, the leading scorer in the CVC last season, as well as star defenseman Jon Forman.

"Going into this game, we only had 1½ to two weeks preparation. We've only been able to practice twice a week and it's hard to get everything in."

Despite the lack of preparation, Merrow did see some sharp play. "Shane Leuck played very well in goal," said Merrow of his sophomore net-minder who recorded 16 saves. "He made some good saves; he kept us in the game. Getting a goal from a freshman was pretty good. It was good to see Naylor get his first goal. Our physical play was fine, we took the body."

The longtime coach, who is in his ninth year guiding the PHS program, knows that a bad opener isn't something about which to get overly concerned

"As I've always said, in December you'd like to go .500, not too far below that," explained Merrow, whose team broke into the win column when it beat Steinert 6-3 last Monday. "Then you come on strong after Christmas. Once we get our injured guys back, we should be fine."

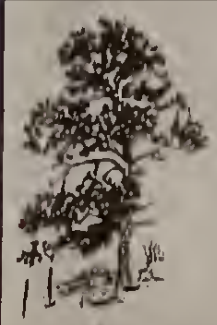
—Bill Alden

PHS

Girls' Hockey: Paced by the productive pair of Blair Thompson and Vicki Chen, PHS routed Holton Arms 8-3 last Sunday. Thompson scored four goals while Chen contributed two goals and two assists as the Little Tigers improved to 1-0-1 on the season. Emily Schulte and Stacy Weingarten split the goaltending duties for PHS with Schulte recording 7 saves and allowing no goals while Weingarten had 3 saves. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers play Stuart Country Day on December 10 at Princeton University's Baker Rink, face Summit on December 11 at Union Rink, and then play at the Hill School on December 12.

HUN

Boys' Basketball: A strong fourth quarter effort carried Hun to a 55-49 win over Life Center Academy last Friday in the Raiders' season opener. Trailing 37-34 heading into the fourth quarter, Hun outscored Life Center 21-12 over the last eight minutes to earn the victory. Charlie Fritsch led Hun with 14 points while Leo Nolan and Gary Garris each scored 11 points. In upcoming action, the Raiders play at Blair on December 8 before competing in the Peddie Tournament from December 10-12.



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Boys' Ice Hockey: A productive second period made the difference as PDS opened its season with a 3-2 win over Rye Country Day School last Friday. Will Denise, Brett DePace, and Eric Czapka each found the back of the net in the second period for the Panthers. David Brownschidle assisted on two of the PDS scores. The Panthers host Downingtown East on December 8 and Hun on December 10.

Girls' Ice Hockey: The prolific Meg Kerwin sparked PDS to a 5-1 win over Shadyside Academy last Saturday. Kerwin scored three goals and picked up an assist as the Panthers improved to 3-0. Kerwin now has 11 goals on the season. PDS hosts Hill on December 8 and Morristown-Beard on December 10.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Hockey: Paced by a big day from Thomas Scoccozza, Lawrenceville topped South Kent 5-2 last Sunday. Scoccozza scored five goals as the Big Red improved to 2-0. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville plays at the Hill School on December 8 before competing in the Albany Academy Tournament from December 10-12.

LOCAL SPORTS

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Dillon Youth Basketball December 4 Results

The Princeton Recreation Department opened its Dillon Youth Basketball League with a full slate of games on Saturday.

In action in the girls' senior division, Isabelle Clarke scored 10 points and Juliana Kuser added eight as the Sting held off a late rally to beat the Mystics 26-24. Caroline Passano had 16 points for the Mystics while Alex Passano added six. The Sun topped the Fever 19-6 as Molly Lynch led the way with eight points.

In games in the girls' junior division, the Comets topped the Mercury15-2 as Carly Kleinbart scored five points and Lauren Ullman added four. Arielle Thomas scored four points as the Sol beat the Rockers 8-4.

In action in the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Brandon Polakoff scored 10 points as the Raiders topped the Vikings 29-25. Jordan Allington and Matt Young scored six points apiece in the win while Jelani Cherryrooks had 12 for the Vikings. The Tigers topped the Knights 23-16 as Joe Rogers scored 13 points and Stephen Fuchs added eight. Morgan Martindeli had 10 points in the loss. Andy Zhang scored 12 points and Drew King added seven as the Cougars topped the Pirates, 22-17.

In games in the boys' 6th/7th grade division, Eamon Fahey scored 12 points to lead GR Murray Insurance to a 22-20 win over Ershow Chiropractic. Tull's Terrors topped Princeton Amoco 33-12 as Brennan Lewis led the way with 13 points. Daniel Zack had nine points and Allen Bryant added six as Momentum Fitness topped McCaffrey's 22-15. Sportsmedicine Princeton topped the PBA Tigers 35-17 as Jonathan Ostroff scored 18 points and Xavier Corpening added eight. Blue Point Grill topped Larini's Sunoco 25-18 with Jake Golden scoring 10 points and Trevor Barsamian adding eight.

In action in the boys' 4th/5th grade division, Davon Holliday-Black scored 15 points to lead Iano's Pizza to a 21-19 overtime win over Woodwinds. The PBA Lions topped the PBA Bears 18-16 as David Brinstein scored five points and Tim Vasseur added four. Matt Lesnick led the Bears with 10 points. Lior Levy's four points paced a balanced offense as Princeton Dental topped Princeton Shopping Center 16-11. Mike Manley scored eight points and Clay Alter added six as Princeton Supply topped The Café Jr. 22-18. Ryan Meier's 10 points led Mason, Griffin & Pierson to a 14-8 win over Momentum Fitness. Cameron Farner led Momentum with six points.

Princeton Youth Travel Basketball Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-12 girls' travel basketball team routed Pennington 32-11 last Saturday in Trenton PAL basketball action. Talya Nakash and Tara Thomas scored six points apiece to lead the way as Princeton improved to 4-0. Ashante Harrington grabbed six rebounds in the win.

In U-12 girls' action in the Central Jersey League, Princeton - Black won both games of an opening day doubleheader. In the opener, Princeton defeated Lawrence, 29-12. Neta Nakash led the team with eight points and three rebounds while Molly Barber chipped in with six points. In the second game, Tara Thomas and Jess Frieder had six points each to lead Princeton to a 29-4 win over West Windsor.

In other action, Princeton — Orange dropped their opening contest to Montgomery by a score of 14-9. Nell Haughton, Sasha White, Gaia Adams-Tuck and Katherine Schade scored two points each for Princeton — Orange.

The Princeton U-13 boys' team dropped two games over the weekend. Princeton lost 45-40 to East Brunswick despite 17 points from Josh Gordon. Skye Ettin contributed seven points in the loss. The U-13 team then dropped a 56-25 decision to Ewing in Central Jersey League action as Gordon scored seven to lead Princeton.

Princeton's Under-14 boys team dropped its opener 54-43 to Hillsborough. Chris Bechler led Princeton with 15 points while A.J. Dowers pulled down six rebounds.

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OBITUARIES

Sarah T. Bond

Sarah Turner Bond, 90, of Princeton, died December 5.

Born in Savanna, Ga., she lived in Princeton for 54 years.

She studied architecture at Aubum University for four years and for another year at Columbia University. She then went to Paris to attend the Ecole des Beaux Arts and the Sorbonne, from which she received her diplome superieure.

Upon returning to the United States she joined the engineering firm of Day and Zimmerman in Philadelphia. She later returned to academia, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from the College of New Jersey, and teaching school until she retired.

She was active in the Historical Society of Princeton and the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. She was also a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Predeceased by her husband, Donald S. Bond, in 2001, she is survived by three daughters, U.S. District Court Judge Janet Bond Arterton of New Haven, Conn., Susan Turner Bond of Parker, Colo., and Lt. Col. Margaret Spencer Bond of Amman, Jordan; two granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

There will be no calling hours or memorial service. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Historical Society of Princeton, 158 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540; or to AARP, 732 Keefe Road, Lawrenceville.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Emelia Golden

Emelia "Millie" Golden, 79, of Hamilton, formerly of Princeton, died December 1 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

Born and raised in Rhode Island, she had been a Princeton resident for 55 years before moving to Hamilton Continuing Care Center (HCCC) in Mercerville.

She was retired from the Princeton University Press.

At the time of her death she was serving as president of the Residents Board at HCCC. She was also a member of the St. Paul's Columbiettes.

Predeceased by her husband, John P. Golden, she is survived by a son, Christopher of Princeton; a daughter, Sharon Wright of Yardville; two sisters, Rosalie Thomas and Elvira Sylvia, both of Rhode Island; three granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28 at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton Continuing Care Center, 1059 Edinburgh Road, Hamilton 08690.

Gustav Dreyhaupt

Gustav Dreyhaupt, 67, of Griggstown, died November 25 after a long struggle with cancer.

A master electrician, he was a 35-year employee of Princeton University. He was also a lifetime member of the Griggstown Volunteer Fire Company, and enjoyed the community and friendship of the two groups throughout his life.

At 50 he earned his private pilot's license and flying became the focus of his interest. His greatest joy was his V-Tail Bonanza and the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers, of which he was a charter member.

He was a gourmet cook who enjoyed everything about shopping for and cooking food. He also loved nature and animals, and was happiest when he was at home surrounded by his cats, his crossword puzzles, the weather channel, and the constant chatter of his police scanner.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Beckett; a daughter, Teri Gargani Osman; three sisters, Carol Pettinelli, Lynn Dziuma, and Debbie Diaz; and a long-time friend, Loretta Dean.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, at Princeton University Chapel. It will be followed by a reception at Prospect House.

Burial will be in Griggstown Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Griggstown Volunteer Fire Company, 1037 Canal Road, Princeton 08540.

Carmen Prezioso

Carmen Prezioso, 76, of Princeton and Pompano Beach, Fla., died suddenly November 28. He was a teacher of French, Italian and Spanish at Princeton High School, where he served as chairman of the Humanities Department for 38 years.

Born in Belleville, he graduated from Montclair State Teacher's College and received his master's degree in French Literature from Laval University, Quebec. He also studied at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1988, he became a recipient of the L'Ordre des les Palmes, given by the French government in honor of those who have promoted the French language and culture throughout the world.

He was the director of the College of Carfinio, a program that took students and adults to five regions of Italy to experience Italian culture and treasures.

From 1950 to 1976, he spent his summers teaching French and French folklore at Laval University, and French and Spanish at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School.

In discussing how he was able to arrange private audiences with the Pope at his summer home in Italy, he explained that "if you get involved in life, not just in one area, but get to know many things, something interesting is bound to happen."

Predeceased by his parents, Rafaella and Salvatore Prezioso, and his sister Margaret Raimondi, he is survived by two brothers, Salvatore and George; and two sisters, Eleanor Nigro and Assunta Pipitone.

The funeral service was December 4 at St. Paul's Church; interment was at Princeton Cemetery.

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Sarah M. Santowasso

Sarah M. Santowasso, 100, of Newtown, Pa., died December 3 in Chandler Hall, Newtown.

Born in Princeton, she was a lifelong area resident.

During World War II she was a member of the Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Daughter of the late Michael and Elizabeth Ross Perpetua, and wife of the late Joseph R. Santowasso, she is survived by a son, Robert of Hopewell; a daughter, Joan McNinch of Pennington; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was December 6 at Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Chandler Hall Hospice, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, Pa. 18940; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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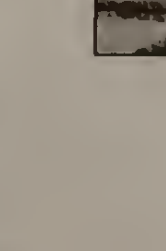

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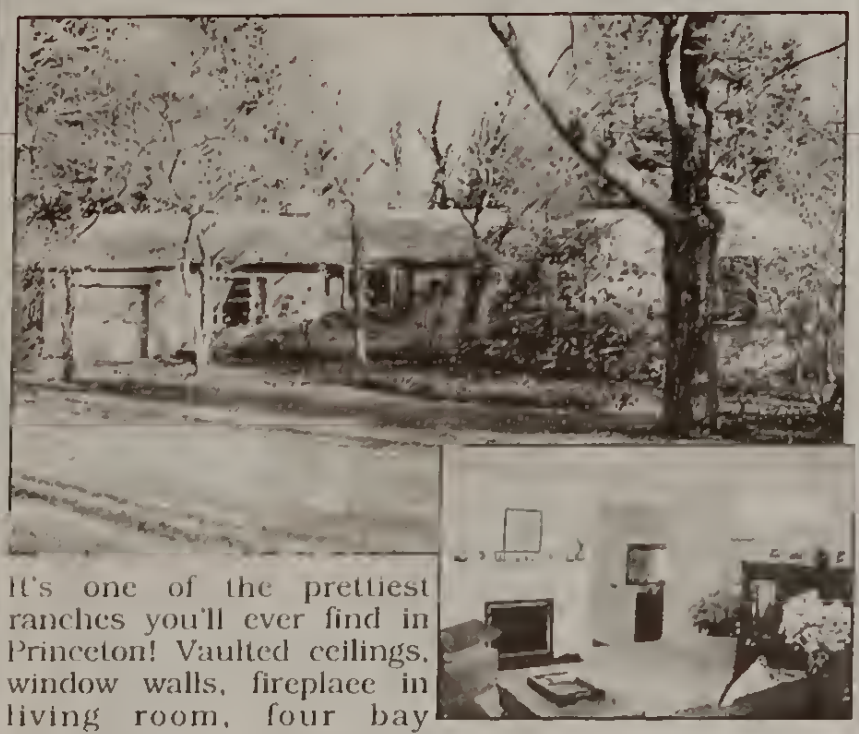

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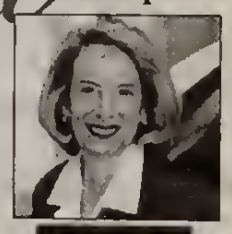

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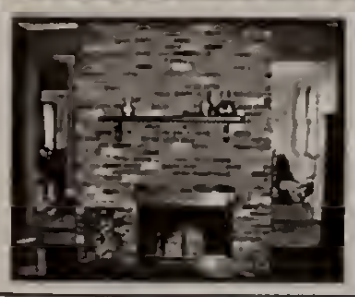

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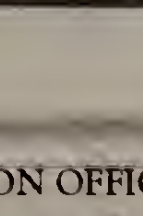

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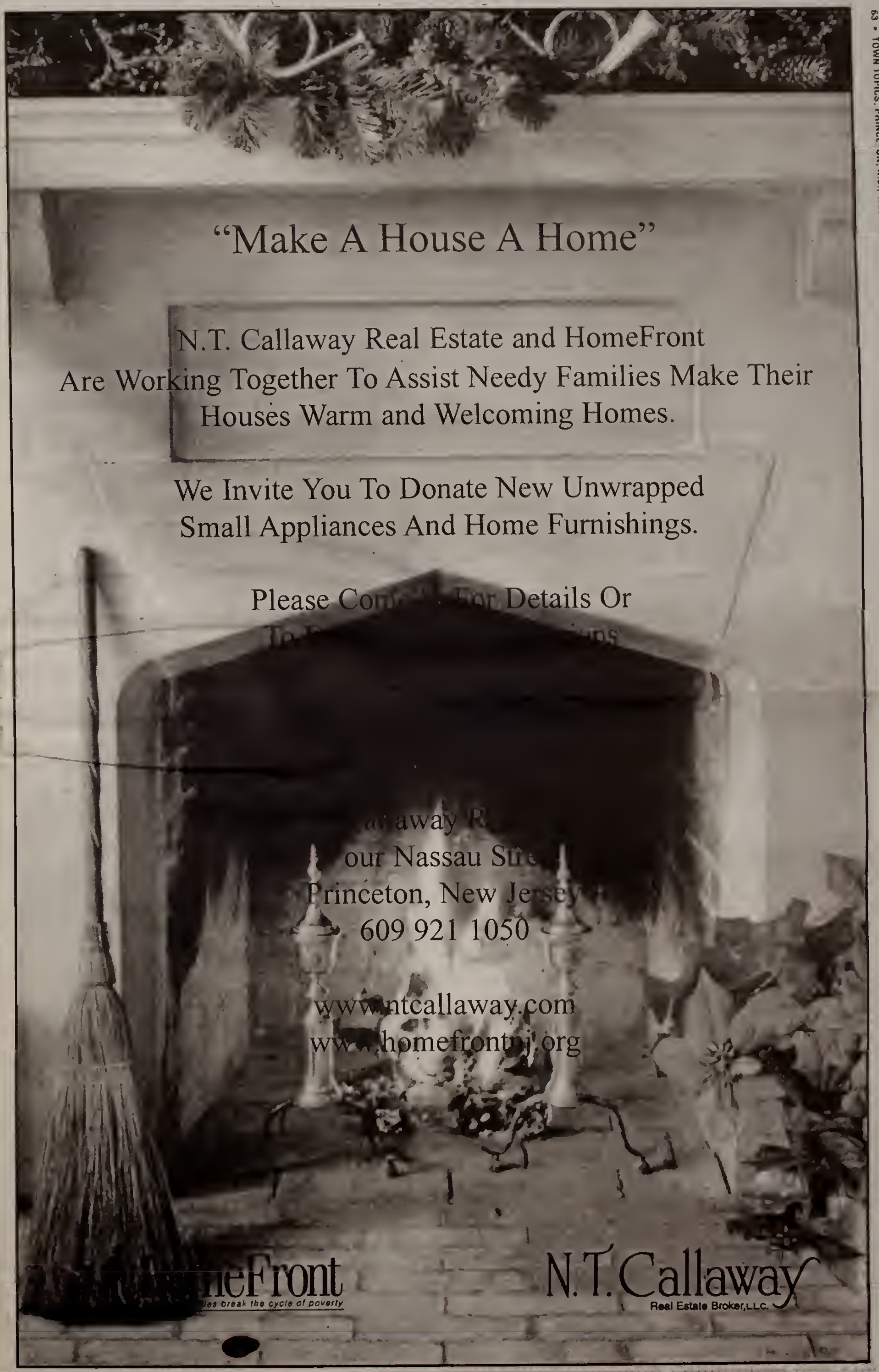
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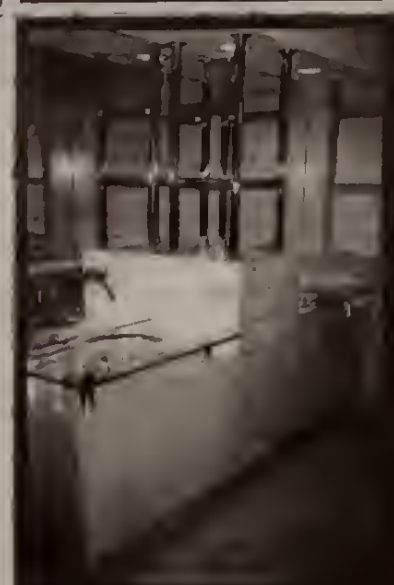

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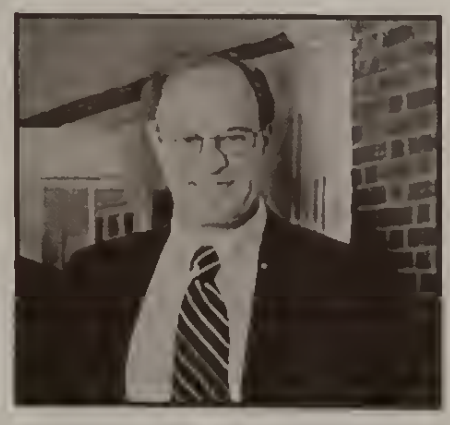

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Holiday Fashion Is in Full Swing As the Season Gets Underway

Style is the ring on your finger. Style is satin and silk. Style is sparkle. Style is sleek. Style is romantic ruffles. Style is vintage brooches in unexpected places. Style is beaded chiffon. Style is the scarf tied at the waist or hip. Style can swing, sizzle, and dazzle; style can be subtle, soft, and muted. Style is *your* signature, *your* look.

All of the above are the singular ingredients of holiday fashion this season. Versatility and flexibility reign, along with a freedom to mix and match and create unanticipated combinations.

Accessories, accessories, accessories! The Princeton fashion experts agree. The jewelry, the belt, the scarf, the perfect evening bag — these are crucial, not only to finish the look, but to add flavor and insouciance to the holiday statement.

"Brooches are so important," points out Barbara Racich, owner of Merrick's. "You can cluster them, or place them on a skirt or handbag, or even add one to a necklace. It's a definite look, and you see it everywhere. There are so many things to do with jewelry to add a personal touch."

Creative Ways

"It's all about the brooch!" adds one of my personal holiday fashion elves. "Buy them in bundles because brooches are so hot right now, and they go with absolutely everything. Especially for the holiday season, they add a dash of sparkle and fun to any outfit. Wearing that never-fails-you little black dress to the company holiday party? Add a sparkly colorful brooch and watch your outfit go from drab to totally fab!

"There are lots of creative ways to wear the brooch, too. It's not just for tops — put it on a plain belt to make a smashing belt buckle, pin it to the side of your skirt or dress, or even add it to a chain for a funky necklace. And it's perfect with everyone's seasons's 'must-haves': the shrugs and the ponchos! It can also serve as a snap or button to keep those open sweaters shut during the chilly winter months."

Also, she adds, "Chandelier earrings! These will hopefully never go out of style. They flatter everyone, and are so pretty with a nice updo! Grab a pair in gold, especially if you have blonde or red hair —they will pick up the shiny highlights and look amazing!"

"Oh, and one thing to mention here: choose either the chandeliers or the brooch. Much like too many holiday libations, overdosing can fast turn you from fashionista to faux pas!"

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"No question about it, jewelry is a great accessory," adds Judy Guldalian, co-owner of the Piccadilly. "No matter what outfit you buy, we can help you coordinate the jewelry. Pearls are a classic holiday item, and now they are available with magnet clasps — super easy closure!

"We have them in blush pink, taupe, and off-white in all lengths, and also 16 millimeter pearls tied with grosgrain ribbon, with tiny aquamarines, clear crystals, or onyx in between the pearls. A wonderful holiday look."

Lots of Glitz

"Chunky, sparkly jewelry is very popular this season," reports Annie Perini, fashion designer and co-owner of Honey West, the new women's shop on Palmer Square. "And there's a lot of glitz generally this holiday season. Embellishment is really in — with sequins, rhinestones, and beads. You can wear it with jeans, and it's on everything. Camisoles, for example. Camis with sequins, beads, and embroidery.

"This is really big. The embellished look is seen all the time now, but even more so during the holidays. It's everywhere and anywhere!"

"Another thing," she adds, "Metallic is also very popular, especially in accessories — belts, handbags, and shoes. You will see metallic and glitter mixed with unexpected fabrics, such as tweed, too, for a different look."

Accessories and embellishment is also emphasized by Lynn Rabinowitz, co-owner of Hedy Shepard.

"Three things that are very hot for fashion this holiday season are bright and sparkly brooches, scarf belts, and fingerless gloves in all styles, including cashmere.

"The 'scarf' belt offers a novel look, which adds flair to an outfit," she adds. "It's silk and in all colors and patterns. You can wear it with jeans or dressy pants. You can put a pin on it or just tie it. It's a wonderfully easy way to add style and a really easy pick-up gift."

The new "mini-scarf" is another special holiday accessory, says Phyllis Davison, owner of the Dandeline Shop, newly opened on Nassau Street. Tied at the neck, it adds zest and interest to a sweater or blouse.

"The mini-scarf is a ribbon with beaded tassels," explains Ms. Davison. "It is in two lengths and two kinds of ribbon — grosgrain and iridescent.

Beaded Jackets

"Glitter is truly in for the holidays," she continues. "You see it in the open mesh beaded shawls in a variety of colors which are so popular. Glitz is definitely in for accent, such as in a black beaded sweater. We have novelty beaded jackets in bright colors, and no two are alike. You can make a whole evening out by just buying a jacket!"

Dressy jackets are indeed a big holiday item. There are reversible "Crinkle" styles for easy travel, and gold and silver beaded jackets for a holiday gala.

"We have a luxurious Chinese red silk brocade jacket which is truly a work of art," says Ms. Racich. "It is gorgeous, and you can wear it to the ball or to the opera!

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TREASURE TROVE: This elegant display at Hamilton Jewelers features a classic emerald cut diamond ring, "Skipping Stone" diamond necklace, and completely hand-made diamond earrings based on the original design of Hamilton founder Irving Siegel for his wife; in the foreground, a Herend porcelain reindeer and lady bug on a leaf. The store is a treasure trove of holiday gift ideas. The eye-catching Panerai Swiss-made men's watches are a special addition this year. Piaget Swiss gold and diamond watches, the new Italian Pomellato designs of gold and gem stones, the unique creations of English designer Stephen Webster, and Penny Preville's designs in platinum and diamonds are all featured. Giftware includes the beautiful hand-blown Steuben glass, Jay Strongwater's popular hand-enameled brooches and pins, and Judith Leiber's inlaid crystal evening bags and compacts. New this year is a line of hand-embroidered pillows, featuring states of the USA, and matching glasses.

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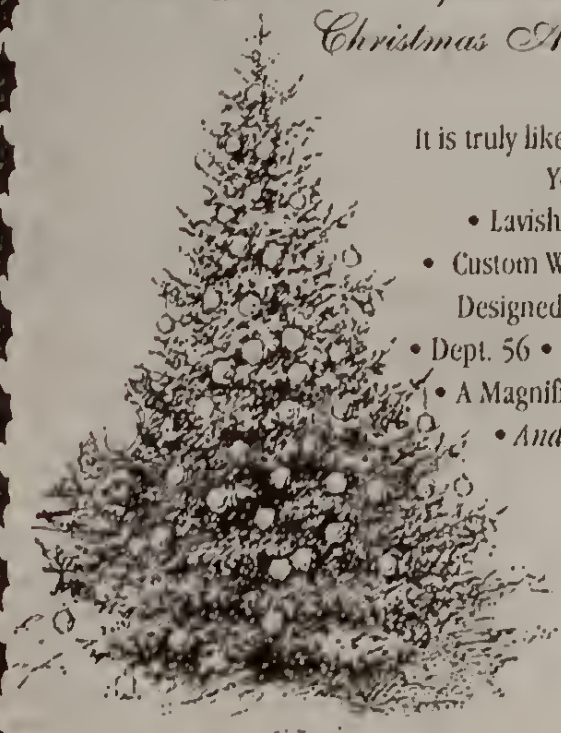

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"We also have a beautiful velvet/silk reversible jacket. Just gorgeous! With this, you are ready to go!"

Holiday jackets are big sellers at the Piccadilly, says Ms. Guldalian. "We have several styles, especially in black knit. Black and gold combinations and black and silver are very big. A black knit jacket, accented with gold lurex, with black enamel buttons, encrusted in gold with a rhinestone in the center is a terrific look. The jacket coordinates with a top and pants or skirt.

"Another black knit jacket has black scattered beads on the top and along the front. It's wonderful with pearls.

"A typical top to wear underneath to coordinate with the jacket is black knit with gold tipping at the top and bottom, or gold or silver," she points out. "We also have a beautiful turtleneck in metallic silver or gold that is very glamorous."

Dressy tops are a must, report the experts.

Wonderful Look

"The biggest thing we see are the dressy tops," says Barbara Racich. "Beautiful satin tops, beaded, sequinned, exciting tops in all colors with stretch embroidered ribbons and scattered beads for accent. This is a wonderful look with black velvet"

"People really look for tops first, then find a skirt or pants to go with it," points out Ms. Perini. "The wider pant leg is popular now, too."

And adds the fashion elf: "Sequin tops are definitely a hot holiday trend — when else can you wear sequins and get away with it?!"

"We have many dressy separates," says Ms. Rabinowitz. "For example, a top with skirt and pants in satin, velvet, chiffon — rich luxury fabrics. We also have lace tops that are very popular. Worn with pants, they add a dressy look, and they can be used as layering."

Layering is important and a favorite way of adding fashion flair these days.

Points out Ms. Perini. "We see lots of layering. Shrunken tops, layered on top of longer tops, both casual and dressy. You'll see sequined camis with a little shrug, silk sequined bolero, or crop top cardigan."

"Our mohair shrugs are so popular," adds Ms. Rabinowitz. "You wear one with a simple sweater or a dressy top, or it can be casual with jeans.

"We also have lightweight indoor ponchos to add layering, and it can coordinate with sweaters," notes Ms. Davison.

Holiday Item

Ponchos are a very hot holiday item. Seen everywhere, they are fast becoming *THE* look for the season.

"Ponchos — both indoor and outdoor — are popular with all ages," reports Lynn Rabinowitz. "They are so versatile. You can wear it in different ways, turn it around, and it drapes differently, or wear it with a pin. We have

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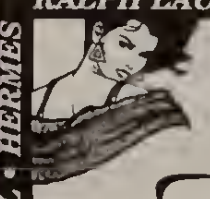

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dressy black boucle and more casual styles. The poncho is in all colors, styles, and patterns. People are wearing it instead of a sweater."

It can also coordinate with a sweater, says Ms. Davison. "They are in such pretty patterns and colors, and they can go straight from work to the party, especially this time of year."

Ms. Racich points out the practicality and style of the poncho. "You can wear it as a sweater, it is so practical. Then there are all the dressy ponchos in silver and metallic, woven with beads for a dramatic, exciting look."

Also important this season is the shawl, adds Ms. Perini. "It is very popular, and any way you wear it, it works. Crocheted shawls are special favorites."

"You definitely see beaded shawls with glitter, too," says Ms. Davison. "These are popular and easy to wear."

Color is back for the holidays, agree the fashion experts.

"Color is very important," says Ms. Rabinowitz. "Pink is the new black!"

"You can't go wrong with red for the holidays," points out Ms. Davison.

"Green is a big color — in a bright jewel tone," adds Ms. Perini.

Big News

"Color is the big news," reports another of the holiday fashion elves. "You're going to see a lot less black — people are no longer donning the little black dresses only. Soon the term 'little emerald green dress' will be coined! Other 'must' colors are any shade of purple, emerald, and plum (a nice spin-off of Christmas green and red). By the way, choose either green or red — not both. Don't mix them, but you can mix emerald and plum!

"Oh — and gold is back in all areas. Gold shoes are a 'must-have'. They go with all the outfits and offer a great alternative to the ho-hum black stiletto."

Lavender has become an important color this season at the Piccadilly, adds Judy Guldalian. "For someone who doesn't want black, there is a brand new group — not quite as dressy, but nice for parties or an evening out. We have a knit jacket with a small diamond pattern in lavender, black and white on a lavender background. Matching tops are lavender with black accent, and it looks elegant with black pants or with an all lavender motif."

Black with color accents is always a holiday favorite, and the Dandeline Shop offers a three-piece holiday ensemble: tiered layered top, two-tiered jacket, lined skirt, featuring hand-painted metallic design in subtle red and silver.

Going to the holiday ball this season? Well, Merrick's surely has what you need. Evening dresses — long and short — are a specialty, and they are in every style and color.

There is also an interesting new twist, points out Barbara Racich. "Some of our gowns are in wonderful menswear fabrics, such as silk for ties, which has added a great look. Also, glamour fur is very big. We have long dresses with fur accent, including a beautiful burgundy long gown with matching fur.

Black Tie

"For holiday weddings," she adds, "we always have dresses for mother of the bride and mother of the groom, and of course, if it's a black tie wedding, we can certainly outfit the female guests."

Fur is important at Hedy Shepard also, notes Lynn Rabinowitz. "Fur accessories in neck pieces and cashmere and fur sweaters are definitely in demand now."

Speaking of sweaters, there is still nothing like a dressy, glittery Christmas pullover or cardigan. Cranberry red with black accent or black with red accent is a favorite at the Piccadilly, which also has a black sweater embellished with strings of colorful Christmas lights. The strings glitter with sequins and beading.

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KNITTING IS IN: The variety of knitting supplies make wonderful holiday gifts at Glenmarle Woolworks in the Princeton Shopping Center. Owner Lee Hurford is shown with a sampling of needlecraft bags and the special "Knitting to Go" kits, which contain yarn, hand-painted needles, and a color photo of the item to be created. The cozy shop features a big selection of all kinds of yarn, patterns, needles and accessories. Also on hand for the holidays are finished hand-knitted ponchos (Ms. Hurford wears one of her own design), hats, scarves, sweaters, and vests. Gift certificates are available for all products and also for the knitting classes at all levels.

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As one of the elves puts it: "Jeans have become the ultimate fashion statement. Designer denim can cost from $100 to $300, almost replacing the need for the 'little emerald green dress.' Throw on your favorites, paired with one of the afore-mentioned sequin tops, a pair of gold shoes, don some gold chandelier earrings, a little shimmer on the cheeks, and you are the picture of holiday fashion!"

Scarves are another perennial.

"They are like jewelry. They make a statement, and they are always a great gift," points out Ms. Racich. Merrick's has a big variety of all kinds, from crinkle and novelty styles to beautiful silk, cashmere and soft neckwear with needle art cutwork and fringed tassels.

Glamour may be key to holiday events, but keeping warm is a must! Bundle up in buttery soft wool and cashmere scarves, mittens, and hats, and throw on a Shearling coat or jacket. For the serious skier, Merrick's has M Miller ski jackets with real fur on the hood.

Speaking of cold winter months, one of the elves has a parting thought for a bit of holiday fashion for the face.

"We know these winter months bring lots of holiday cheer, but that fear in your face is probably the mirror reflecting your dry and colorless skin —inevitable when daylight savings snatches away the sun. Skip the tanning booths and revel in the best trend ever — beautiful pale skin with sparkle. There is seriously nothing more alluring than this. Here's how to get it.

"Start with concealer under the eyes (those late-night holiday parties take their toll). Then, even out skin tone with a foundation that matches your skin exactly. If you have dry skin, a really good tinted moisturizer is a terrific option.

"Now, time to make a decision! Will you focus on your eyes or lips? How about both? For this season, I love a smoky, seductive eye with light, glossy lips. A dash (and I mean dash) of natural bronzer, and now you're ready for shimmer. Either liquid or powder shimmer is perfect for holidays. Highlight your cheekbones, but don't go overboard. Much like those tasty holiday libations, shimmer on your face is best enjoyed in moderation!"

With all this good advice, you are now ready to step out in full fashion. Let the holiday parties begin!

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Many people choose to have a holiday wedding because of this and particularly because the holidays already have special meaning for them.

An upcoming December wedding is just such an example. Says the mother of the bride: "Jen has always been a Christmas child, and so it seemed quite natural that she would pick December for the wedding. Since she loves Christmas and decorating, we were off to the races!

"Having the wedding at Christmas time helps tremendously with the flowers and decorations. The church will be filled with poinsettias — white with gold containers. The pew markers will be sprays of greens with holly and gold and red bows. The altar will be flanked with Christmas trees with small white lights.

"The bridesmaids, in burgundy velvet, will carry white roses with holly and trailing eucalyptus. Jen will be carrying deep red roses with holly and eucalyptus.

"Moms have posies, too," adds this mom. "My bouquet (I don't like corsages) is red, and the mother of the groom's is white.

Red Sleighs

"The inn for the reception will also be decorated for the holidays; and we'll add our own touches, too. Table pieces are red sleighs filled with greens and gold bows and white flowers. There is a very large mantel in the room that I will decorate. We do find it easier since some of the decorations are in place, but we can also add our own, which is nice.

"By the way," she adds, "this is a destination wedding in New Hampshire. It's much less work for me. No house guests, no meals to prepare. I'm looking forward to packing my suitcase and moving into the inn!"

One possible cloud on the horizon is an over-abundance of snow. As she says, "We have thought about snow, but can do nothing about it. So, everyone, keep your fingers crossed! This is an evening wedding, so we have also arranged transportation to

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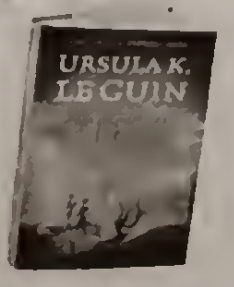

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THE HOLIDAY BLUES

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

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QUESTION: *I'm droading the holidays. Every year at this time, I get a bad case of "the blues", and can't seem to shake them. My family gets frustrated with me, and I just don't understand why I'm down when everybody olse is up. Can you help me?*

ANSWER: To understand why many people get dopressed during what most people picture as tho happiest time of the year, we must look at what was & what might havo boen.

1. **WHAT WAS:** Imagine someone whoso parents or spouso has recently died. Thoir first Christmas alone finds their minds irrosistibly drawn back to past holidays filled with laughter and joy, all the more intensifying their foolings of loss. While this phenomenon is normal, and while one adjusts to death with time, nonetheless, it is important to noto that some remnant of this feeling will remain, the holidays forever having a twingo ol pain amidst a season ol cheer.
2. **WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN:** Far moro ditficult is tho problom of what might have been. Imagine now someone who has boen recently divorced. The holidays, a time when families are together with children "nostled in their beds" finds this person oiton bitterly separated from their spouse and grudgingly shuffling their children back and forth hoping to foster some semblance ol family. Knowing it could bo different, this porson agonizes over what could have boon il only certain mistakes had not boon made, usually in their mind by the other porson.
3. **WHAT WAS BAD:** Now think ol someone whose past is onything but happy, perhaps having lived et odds with thoir parents, feeling that thoir parents never really cared. Imagine the pain of an adult child ol an alcoholic or an adult survivor ot incest. Watching numerous saccharine and ubiquitous Christmas specials on television dopicting unrealistically heppy families sitting arm in arm togethor in front of "the old Yulo log" may be torturo, producing feelings ol jealousy, sodness, and intense anger.
4. **WHAT CAN HELP?**
   a. **What Was Good:** We nood to cherish our memorios, roalizing that our loved ones would not want us to endlessly sulfer. They would want us to go on, reassuring us that to enjoy today is not to bo disrospectful to yesterday.
   b. **What Mighl Have Been:** While it is important to rollect on a past divorco to learn from our mistakes, it is not healthy to dwoll on them. Instead ol boing stuck on what was lost in the past, it seems bost to free ourselves to soo what wo havo in the prosont
   c. **Whal Was Bad:** Dealing with emotional or physical abuso from childhood is far more difficult, probably requiring therapy, expressing anger assortivoly whon possible, and, ultimatoly, forgiveness.
   d. **Perfect Happiness:** Somo ol what underlios the holiday blues is en innate desiro to be perfectly happy. Unfortunatoly, this is an impossiblo task, for perfect happiness can only be attainod through union with o pertect being, namely, God. Our earthly lile, boing limited, is, therefore, open to sutiering. We all need to rollect upon the true meaning ol Chnstmas and ol lite, realizing that Christ was born in a manger and died on e cross, but brought us eternal salvation. That Christmas present will not lade or tarnish, its value being so wonderful as to bring a smile to our lace, and, hopefully, us to Church to give thanks.

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Holiday Weddings

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and from the church for the inn guests who would not be familiar with the roads at night."

Weather uncertainty is the only real disadvantage of a winter holiday wedding, points out wedding consultant Mary Harrison, also owner of the Euphorbia gift shop in Lawrenceville.

"Winter weather is always a factor," she says. "You just keep your fingers crossed that there won't be a blizzard. Because of this possibility, however, I recommend that my clients get wedding insurance just in case."

Ms. Harrison is currently involved in a December holiday wedding in northern New Jersey.

Special Touch

"It will be alf in red," she reports. "The invitations were red, bridesmaids and flower girls are in red dresses. The flowers in the church are red, and there will be red votive candles. Bridesmaids will carry white flowers, and the bride, red roses. At the reception, there will be white linens, but with red flowers on the tables.

"Another thing that is nice is that for the wedding favors, you can use traditionaf Christmas ornaments. That adds a special touch, and the holiday is really interwoven with the wedding.

"The nice thing about holiday weddings is that the church is already decorated for Christmas," she adds. "People are in a festive mood. It's realiy special to do a wedding around the holidays. It's such a warm time. There's an extra glow."

A couple who were married in Princeton on December 27 are just about to celebrate a 25th anniversary. They have warm memories of the ceremony at the Princeton University Chapel and reception at the Nassau Inn.

They note, too, the advantage of the chapel already being decorated for Christmas with greens and bouquets al the altar.

"The Nassau Inn was also decorated, and that made a wonderful setting, with all the greens, trimmed trees (indoor and outdoor), wreaths and red bows. Of course, In addition, the buffet table and individual tables were decorated by the catering staff.

Jewel Tone

"And to add to everything," they continue, "the streets, shops, and private residences were lighted and festooned. It was a really beautiful time.

"For the wedding itself, there was an opportunity to have more festive jewel tone winter fabrics. In our case, the bridesmaids' wore deep green velvet, with the addition of holly head pieces.

"Although there was the possibility of bad weather, guests made a special effort to come to the wedding and reception. Maybe because they were already in the mood to celebrate because of the holidays! Nearly everyone came — a fot from Princeton, but even more from out of town."

Another bride and groom, now Princeton residents, recall that their wedding was originally set for late lali, but then moved to December because of the nearness to Christmas and their pleasure in that holiday.

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FAMILY FOOTWEAR: Chuck (left) and Ryan Simone, father and son team at Hulit's Shoes, are shown with a woman's waterproof Santana boot with the new "slouched" top and Clarks men's Goretex waterproof shoe. The Nassau Street store, soon to mark its 75th anniversary, offers a complete selection for the whole family. Boots are big sellers, with sheepskin a hot item. Waterproofing is important, and Santana, Blondo, Uggs, Sorel, Kamik, and Timberland offer a variety of styles for men and women. Slippers, of course, are a traditional holiday gift, with sheepskin, furry and fuzzy floppies and the enduring SlipperSox. Clogs are in demand, especially the Dansko line. Johnston & Murphy and Bostonian offer comfort dress shoes for men, as does Clarks. For women, Hellecomfort's patent leather specialities come in many colors and patterns. Stonefly, Josef Seibel, and Ecco emphasize comfort shoes. Indigo, a new line from Clarks, features footwear for holiday island hopping. A full line of children's and infants' footwear is available, with boots, slippers, and shoes from such lines as Merrell, Primigi, Aster's, and Ecco all in stock. Athletic shoes for the whole family include New Balance, Nike, and Saucony, and don't forget socks — great stocking stuffers!

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"Christmas preparations had just begun, and the excitement of the coming holiday was fresh and anticipatory," recalls the former bride. "A Christmas theme for the wedding party was in order. My five bridesmaids wore emerald green velvet gowns of a classic style: boat necks, three-quarter sleeves, and full cocktail length skirts.

"Mary Ann, our flower girl, wore deep red velvet. Her gown had a white ermine collar and was floor length. Bridesmaids and flower girl carried white poinsettias. White poinsettias were also in the bouquets on the chancel, and were included among the flowers in the bride's bouquet.

Satin and Lace

"My dress was the first one I tried on," she continues. "It was love at first sight! Cream satin with a boat neck, long fitted sleeves, inverted pleats on a dropped waist and appliqued Alencon lace. And of course, there was a long romantic train. A seed pearl Juliet cap held the finger tip veil.

"All of that was 50 years ago! But the memories and recollections remain vivid. Each year, when we celebrate our wedding anniversary, I remember the candles, the red and green velvet, cream satin and lace, white poinsettias, and the world preparing for Christmas."

New Year's weddings are also becoming popular, and Ms. Harrison notes that they often have a metallic silver and blue theme, which is carried throughout the occasion.

"At one New Year's wedding, the dresses were in those colors, and the invitations were also metallic silver. It had a nice look."

A New Year's Eve wedding on December 31, 1999 was especially memorable. Not only did it inaugurate a new marriage, but a new millennium!

A black tie wedding, it was visually dramatic with all the guests in formal attire. Bridesmaids wore black and carried white flowers. The bride also carried white roses.

The evening candlelight service was held at a 200 year-old church, and the black and white theme continued at the reception. White linens, white roses, poinsettias, freesia, and mums, creamy satin swags, white candles, and white balloons were a striking contrast to the men in their black tuxedos and bridesmaids in black dresses.

Of course, everyone stayed until midnight to toast the new couple and the new millennium.

—Jean Stratton

PAMPERING THE PALATE: Manager Heidi Karbownik (left) and assistant manager Robin Conover of Main Street Kingston Bakery & Coffeehouse, are pleased to share this delicious holiday display with customers. Custom-designed and "ready-to-go" gift baskets, buche de Noel, gingerbread men and trees, assorted boxes of Christmas cookies, and flavored nuts are just some of Main Street's super selection. A wonderful array of choices awaits busy shoppers, whether stopping in for one of Main Street's signature sandwiches at lunch, or picking up a quick "dinner-to-go" on the way home. A special Open House to celebrate Main Street's 20 years and to thank customers will be held December 11 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Complimentary holiday goodies will be offered. Main Street Catering and Main Street Bistro are also part of the Main Street Family.

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Princeton Boy Scouts Sell Christmas Trees

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This event is the troop's major fundraiser to support activities such as camping and hiking. The money is also used for scholarships so that no boy is left out of scouting because of financial need.

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Visitors will be entertained throughout the afternoon by The Practitioners of Musick, performing with a harpsichord and English or common flutes. Parking is available, refreshments will be served outside, and the event is free. Rockingham is located on Route 603, the road between Rocky Hill and Kingston, five miles outside Princeton. For additional information visit www.rockingham.net or call (609) 683-7132.

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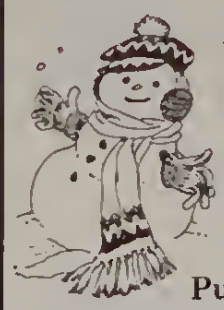

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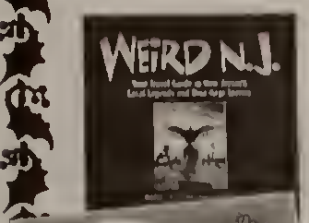

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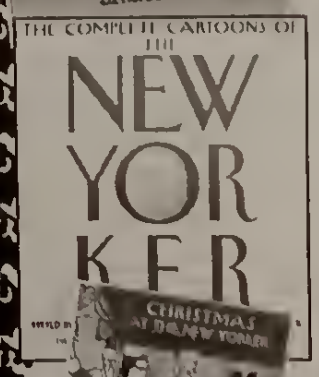

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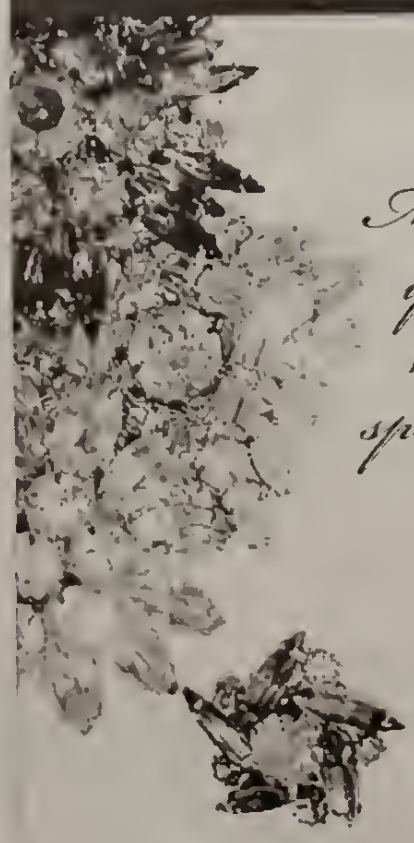

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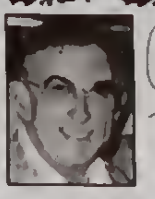

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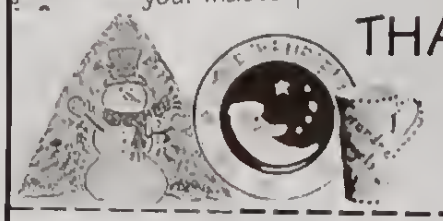

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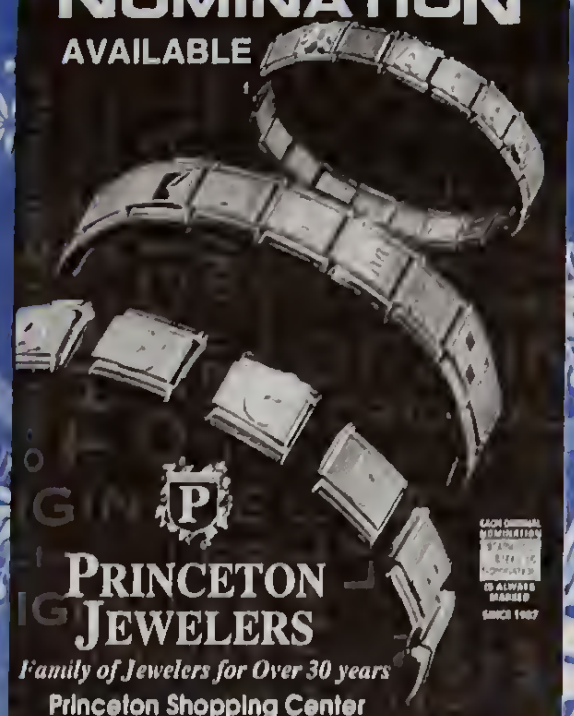

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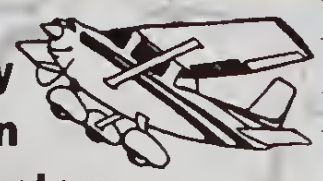

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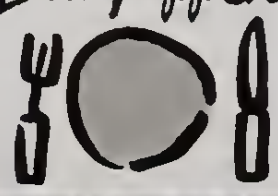

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